[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai]

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

The following motions lapsed;

Motions 432 to 435.

432. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,00,000 for Pallivasal—Hydro—Electric Scheme by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:

433. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,00,000 for Pallivasal—Hydro—Electric Scheme by Re. 1.

Motions for reduction of total grant under Demand IX.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI:

434. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,83,800 for under Demand IX by Rs. 6,00,000

K. C. CHANDI:

435 To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 17,83,800 under Demand IX by Rs. 5.

PRESIDENT: I put the demand as a whole. Mr. Westerdale has moved for a grant of Rs. 17,83,800 for capital outlay on reproductive works under Demand IX. I put it that the Demand be passed.

The Demand was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND X POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 6,29,020, under Demand X - Police.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, before making the next motion which stands in my name, I would like to know whether I can discuss the policy in regard to the recruitments to the traffic branch under the motion?

PRESIDENT: No, I think that it will come later. You can discuss the policy of having a separate Traffic Department or any other matter like that. What you have put down is "to discuss the question of recruitment to the Traffic Branch and the undesirability of separation". I think the second part is all right. The matter of recruitment should, I think come under a later head. I do not want to be too strict about this. Is there any objection to Mr. Nilakauta Pillai being allowed to discuss that point, Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): You have the discretion either to allow it or not, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I allow you to discuss that point, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

Motion 436.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion:—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,285 for establishment by Re. 1.

Sir, the object of the motion is to start a discussion on the undesirability of separating the Traffic Branch from the general cadre of the Police Department and also to emphasise some of the points I have in view about recruitment to that particular branch. I hold a strong view

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Sir,against the separation of the Traffic Branch from the generalPolice Force. I think the efficiency of the Traffic Branch would be very much reduced. Therefore separation is not advisable. From actual experience we have noticed that, unless there is a sort of co-operation between the general force of the Police Department and the Traffic Branch, it would be very difficult to control traffic in the proper way. That aspect of the question has not been properly considered when proposals were made to separate the Traffic Branch from the general Police Force. It would be difficult to control the increasing traffic if that branch is separated from the general Police Force. In the practical working of the Department the general Police Force is also given some of the powers of the Traffic Department. The general Police Force, as a matter of fact, has a sort of supervision with reference to the Traffic Branch. Secondly, we understand that there are qualified Police Inspectors who are in a position to control traffic and who are in a position to do everything that is necessary for the proper supervision and the proper control of the Traffic Branch. From the financial side of the proposal also, it is better not to separate this branch. A Police Inspector, whether he be a graduate or a graduate-in-law, with several years' experience in the Department is getting only Rs. 60 plus Rs. 16 as his pay and travelling allowance respectively. According to the new proposal, the new Traffic Inspectors are to be given Rs. 60 as pay and another Rs. 50 for allowances. From this aspect of the question also, the present proposal to separate the Traffic Branch from the general Police Force is not advisable. It will affect the financial position of the State. Even now, it is our complaint that there is a lot of corruption in the Police Department, particularly in the Traffic Branch. If the Traffic Branch is separated and the activities of that branch are to be controlled by half-a-dozen people, corruption would be enhanced. There are many efficient Inspectors in the Department who are able to control traffic. A selection could have been made from them. They have some knowledge of how to control the Traffic Branch, and they know the Police Regulation and the Motor Vehicles Regulation. When laymen are to be recruited newly as Traffic Inspectors—and I understand that most of them have not even minimum general qualifications—is there not a likelihood of the department becoming inefficient? Perhaps, they have some technical qualification. After all, what are these Inspectors expected to do in the examination of buses? Provided one has some general qualification and can understand English, the Police Regulation and the Motor Vehicles Regulation I think it would not be difficult for him to exercise the functions of these Traffic Inspectors. The testing of the buses is mostly confined to the testing of the brakes. Why, for the purpose of testing the brakes of buses, should we have such highly-paid officers with permanent travelling allowances? I do not think any high technical qualification is necessary for the examination of buses or expected of these Traffic Inspectors. If the duties of the Traffic Inspectors, who are to be recruited newly, is confined to the mere testing of brakes and the general examination of buses, why should they be paid an extra allowance?

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MR. K. C. CHANDY (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Are we not now paying the Engineers who examine the buses

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I do not know the present arrangement.

As far as the Traffic Department is concerned, testing means the testing of the brakes, and nothing more than that. Moreover the persons who are proposed to be entertained newly have only very low general qualification. I think that the present Police Inspectors, who are in the department and who are controlling traffic now, and who have high general qualifications, are preferable to these low qualified men.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഇപ്പോൾഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലുള്ളവരെതന്നെ മെക്കാനിക്കൽ എൻജനീയറിങ്ങിനു പഠിപ്പിച്ചുവരുത്തരുതോ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): If there had been advertisements for graduates with technical qualifications, there would have been so many to offer their services. Even that has not been done. My fear is that the general Police Force should not lose control over the Traffic Branch. There must be some co-operation between the Traffic Branch and the General Force. Unless the present control exercised by the Police Department over the Traffic Branch is continued everything would be set at naught and everything would be topsy turvey. If highly qualified men are recruited and are given the powers to examine the buses periodically, I think the extent of corruption would be very low. Under the existing arrangement, if a particular Inspector is deputed to the Traffic Branch and if he is found to be corrupt, it is very easy to take him to the general Police Force and to exercise strict disciplinary control over him. Now, this Traffic Branch is going to be confined to six or seven people. There is no likelyhood of interchangability with the general Police Force. If they are found to be corrupt either they should be damned or they should be retained in service in spite of the fact they are corrupt. And we know from actual experience that even when a man is found to be currupt, Government are not willing to send him out all of a sudden.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Separation is undesirable and it will cut at the root of efficiency. Separation will set at naught the present control that the Department is exercising over the Traffic Branch. With these few words, Sir, I move the motion for the acceptance of the House.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Sir, I wish to give my entire support to the motion moved by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai. I want to give a warning to Government that if there is to be such a divorce which I understand exists nowhere else in the world, they are going to regret the step they are taking because of the increase it would bring about in the number of accidents and because of the inefficiency in the

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matter of control. I am not aware of any place where the Traffic Section of the Police Department is separated entirely from the regular Police Force. I am sure, Sir, that the Drivers who are generally afraid of the Police now are afraid of them because they visualise the lock-up behind. Once they find that it is not so, there would be absolutely no control over them. And these glorified drivers who are going to become Traffic Inspectors—I shall presently show that it is they who are going to become Traffic Inspectors—do not seem to have any general qualification whatsoever. We are not going to open up factories to fit up motor vehicles. The Traffic Department is not concerned with the deficiencies, the minute defects in the mechanism of motor cars, so that they should be able to repair them. That is not the business of the Traffic Department. The Traffic Department has only to find out what the general deficiencies in the mechanism of a motor car are. If there is some general deficiency, for example, if the brake does not apply or if some nut is loose, I think that could very well be found out by a common-sense-man with an ordinary knowledge of mechanism. But the more important point is whether the Traffic Inspector would be able to read and understand the Motor Vehicles Regulation and the Police Regulation and whether he would be able to make a charge successfully to convict the offender. A man who has got no general qualification but who understands in a haphazard way some of the technical names such as nuts, plugs, or radiator, is now proposed to be raised to the rank of an Inspector and more! He is going to be given a pay of Rs. 60 plus a permanent travelling allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem! I do not understand the meaning of this, Sir. If he has only to examine buses why should he be given an extra allowance of Rs. 50? He is admittedly incapable of administering the laws of the Police Departmen, because he has very low qualifications. His only credit is that he has the so-called technical qualification and instruction in motor mechanism which may even be given by the Sri Ram Motor Company or, for that matter, any Motor Company. I understand that the appointments now to be made would be in contravention of the G. O. to the effect that Inspectors should not be initially recruited as such unless they are graduates. This will cause a great deal of heartburn among the regular force. I had asked Government to supply me with figures regarding the number of charges made by the Regular Police on traffic cases and the number of cases charged by the Traffic Section through the agency of the Regular Police. These figures would have been very relevant for discussing this subject now; but, unfortunately, they have not been furnished. Perhaps, they are not worth giving. Ordinarily, as we travel, we very seldom meet with these Traffic Inspectors. Oftentimes have I seen other Inspectors and D. S. Ps. charging drivers for overloading the buses; but it is rarely that I have seen Traffic Inspectors doing that. The most important thing with regard to the Traffic Branch is the general qualification of the Inspectors. It is the standard of general qualification that determines the amount of control that an officer would be able to exercise over his subordinate officers and the

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general public whose convenience he has to look after. There is absolutely no necessity to have a very minute knowledge of the mechanism of motor cars, as the Inspectors are not concerned with the repair of motor cars or their manufacture. They are concerned only with the charging of persons for offences and finding out, with a fair sense of duty, the offences under the Motor Vehicles Regulation and putting them in the form of a charge before a Court. They must understand the meaning of the clauses in the Motor Vehicles Regulation and the Police Regulation.

What we want is that the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Regulation must be correctly understood and intelligently applied, so that the offences committed by the motor drivers or conductors could be easily found out and charges framed properly in accordance with the formalities laid down in the Regulation. It is these Traffic Inspectors that have to do it, that have to conduct the case in the court. They are responsible for framing the charge in proper form and in presenting a proper case before the court. I believe, that would be absolutely impossible if, as we hear, we are going to have men who have no general qulification but merely some diploma or certificate from some motor workshop some-where. It is not a mere motor mechanic that we want. I think, if qualified men, men of culture, are not chosen for these posts, Government would have to regret later for the mistake committed, and it would not be possible for them to undo things. The funniest thing of all is that these Inspectors, who are supposed to be expert mechanics are to be supervised by a District Superintendent of Police who does not profess to have any mechanical qualifications. The work of these people, who know nothing but motor mechanism, is to be supervised by a gentleman who knows absolutely nothing of motor mechanism. I do not see rhyme or reason in it. Government should think twice before they give effect to their proposal namely, the separation of the Traffic Branch from the regular Police Force. It will be quite possible, in these days of educated unemployment to get smart, intelligent, honest and qualified young men for these posts; and, if necessary, they may be sent up for getting themselves trained in motor mechanism for just two or three months. I am positive that men who have no general qualification and who come on the credit of a mere certificate from some workshop, would find it extremely difficult to exercise any control over the Policemen under them or over hundreds of motor drivers in the country. These men cannot expect the drivers, who have practically the same qualification as they themselves have, to respect them, to pay any heed to them. And, it is unjust to give them the proposed pay. Some of the Inspectors now in service can very well be asked to get themselves trained in motor mechanism. More than three months' training is absolutely unnecessary. If the Police Department can boast of success in any one matter—I am glad to give them credit for that—it is in the fact that they have reduced the number of accidents somehow or other. It has been done by the combined work

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of Inspectors both in the Traffic Branch and in the regular force. There is absolutely no reason why we should make a departure now. That is not warranted by circumstances. Though there is an increase in the number of cases reported, under murder, dacoity, culpable homicide and other offences under the Penal Code, we find only less crime in the Traffic Branch. Accidents are fewer now-a-days than in the past. That shows, to a certain extent, that the efficiency of the Department is maintained considerably in that particular branch. Even that credit would be washed away if Mr. Bishop changes the whole system, separates the Traffic Branch and appoints the so-called expert mechanics under the absolute control of a D. S. P. who himself knows little of motor mechanism. Government should think seriously of the proposal. This will cause discontent in the Department and will be an insult to the people who have general qualifications. It will also be in contravention of the G. O. regarding recruitment of Inspectors, which definitely stated that only graduates should be hereafter recruited as Inspectors in the Police Department.

MR. L. A. BISHOP *(Commissioner of Police)*: I am at a loss to understand why only two members have spoken on the motion. The first objection is to the separation of the Traffic Branch from the rest of the Department and putting it under a D. S. P. I must inform the House that the volume of motor traffic in Travancore is heavier than anywhere else in India in a similar area. The number of motor buses in Travancore is equal, I believe, to one third of the total number in the whole of the Madras Presidency. We have about 1200 buses running in the State. It was Lord Irwin who, when he visited Travancore, stated that the safety of person and property had become so proverbial in Travancore that people preferred to travel by night. We have buses running both day and night.

Sir, these 1,200 buses and also lorries, have all to be inspected as to their structural strength and efficiency, for the safety of the public. They are tested once every six months. At present, such testing is being done by the Engineers of the P. W. D. as well as by some of the present Traffic Inspectors, and also by a non-official examiner. The State is spending money on these outside agencies who have to be depended upon for the testing of the buses. It is therefore a very obvious proposition that the Department should have its own examining officers. I admit that there are at present one or two in the Department who are capable of examining motors. But we want men who are really technically qualified for this job. We have to have a bus tested as to its structural ability and the condition of its working parts. Those who apply for the post of Traffic Inspector will have to quote their general as well as technical qualifications. I cannot say that all the present Traffic Inspectors possess both general and technical qualification and we therefore require men with recognised technical qualification. The Chief Engineer and I have therefore recently chosen five hands; and there is also the possibility of one more being chosen in the near future. The gentlemen chosen are not as Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai presumes or imagines, glorified bus drivers. After all, Sir, a bus-driver can be a man of general culture.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : I did not dispute that.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I can show that the gentlemen chosen are of good character. They are from good families and of position ; and I am sure the House will approve of their choice when their names are known.

Then, Sir, Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai said that there was lack of co-operation between the regular Police Force and the Traffic Branch. And Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai stated that there was no separate branch in any police organisation, dealing entirely with traffic control anywhere in India. I can tell him that he is mistaken in that. As far as my knowledge goes, in the Madras City, there is a definite separate traffic staff under a Deputy Commissioner of Police. They have a good number of Inspectors and sergeants with Head Constables and Constables under them.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Is it not a fact that, in Madras, there are special Bus Inspectors who alone have to test the buses? I do not think the regular Traffic Inspectors or Sergeants have to test buses. They are not mechanics, I suppose?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I am not sure of that. But the whole traffic staff is separate, under a Deputy Commissioner.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : I believe these traffic men are interchangeable with the men in the regular line.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I do not think so. Here, the idea is that the Traffic Staff should *not* be interchangeable with the regular Police Staff.

In great Britain, there is now a separate traffic controlling branch comprising men known as speed cops who are mounted on motorcycles. A similar scheme is bound to be introduced here sooner or later. Public opinion in Great Britain is that the Police there were and are becoming inefficient because the regular force have to attend to all kinds of special and local laws. Instead of devoting the whole of their time to the detection and prevention of crimes, they have to attend to motor offences and various kinds of petty infringments. Hence there was great agitation in Great Britain for a separate staff to deal with traffic alone. Here also the time has come for starting a separate branch of the Department for traffic work.

On account of the great increase in motor traffic their real work of prevention and detection of crime does not get sufficient attention from the Police. Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai was mistaken when he said that the inspection of buses ended with the testing of the brakes. That is only one of the important items of test. Even more important than that is to see whether the bus is structurally fit to carry passengers and goods, and whether the axles and the chassis are in good sound order. The members who spoke on the motion seem to be under the impression that anybody who has commonsense and who is acquainted with a motor car and its several parts can test the bus for traffic purposes.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Do the Traffic Police Officers themselves test the motor vehicles in Madras ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : It is done by a special staff.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is the same set of people doing traffic regulation, the checking of time and overload and also the testing of buses

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I think the testing of buses is done by a separate staff.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Do they also do checking of timings ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : There is no system of timings there. That exists only here.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : What about overloading ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : That is being checked by the regular Traffic Policemen on duty.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : My question is whether the staff that tests the mechanism of the bus is different from the staff that tests the number of passengers ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I am not sure.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether the same officer who does the testing work has also to control traffic ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I am not quite definite on that point.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai stated that he has never seen a Traffic Inspector actually on duty. That is quite natural ; it is because we have only very few of them now, and they have to move about in a very large area. So, naturally, the Traffic Inspector is a rare bird now. With the appointment of the additional staff, I hope Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai will be able to see a Traffic Inspector very often and in all parts of the State. I am sure that after a year or two Police work as regards the prevention and detection of crime will considerably improve owing to the bifurcation of duities now proposed.

M. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai quoted the Government order of 1088 which stipulates that only graduates should be entertained as Police Inspectors. But there was no Motor Vehicles Regulation then ; and Government could not foresee the necessity for the appointment of Traffic Inspectors. It has not been possible to get graduates with the necessary knowledge of motor mechanism.

The G. O. was based upon the findings of the Royal Commission on the Indian Police which sat in British India and concluded that well educated men should be directly entertained for higher posts such as that of station house officer, and displacing to a certain extent the promotion of head constables who have risen from the ranks. Although corruption has gone down it cannot be said altogether that the system has been a success since the new type of officer is unwilling to mix with the criminal classes and obtain information first hand. Here the question of recruiting men of good educational qualification into the ranks has always been my consideration and in time the class of head

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constable will be good enough for filling the post of inspector. The G. O. was merely based on the then necessity of finding a good station house officer.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): What is the qualification now prescribed for the Traffic Inspectors?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): The qualification insisted upon is that each should have some diploma or technical qualification from a recognised school.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Is any general educational qualification prescribed

MR L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): None. I may assure the House that I am as equally interested in getting good men, as the members are.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): May I know the qualification required for a Head constable's post?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Up to the present there has been no occasion for Traffic Head Constables being recruited direct. As in every other case, we would recruit the best men available.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): What are the technical qualifications required for the Traffic Inspectors' posts?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): They should possess a diploma or certificate from a recognised institution of importance.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnattnad*): Recognised by whom?

MR. L A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): By Government.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether under the new arrangement, the jurisdiction of these Traffic Inspectors would not be much less than at present?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): It would be considerably less.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the permanent Travelling Allowance of the Traffic Inspectors now?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I think Rs. 50, reduced to Rs. 40 now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the P.T. A. of the Traffic Inspectors proposed to be recruited?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): They will get Rs. 50 as conveyance allowance.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know why they are to be paid an allowance of Rs. 50 if their only work is to adjust the mechanism of motor buses?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): They will be given duty allowance because they will possess special qualification and constantly move about.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): But, they are to do only the mechanic's work.

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MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): The present pay is not attractive enough to get men of high general qualification who also possess the necessary techinical qualification.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Commissioner is aware of the initial salary of a supervisor in the Engineering Department?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I do not know. Each Traffic Inspector has to test about 200 to 250 buses.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Under the Motor Vehicles Regulation has the Traffic Inspector got police powers?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is he not expected to understand the Motor Vehicles Regulation and to charge offenders?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): That will be his duty.

MR S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Under such circumstances does the Police Commissioner think that the technical qualification alone would be sufficient?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I think the Motor Vehicles Regulation is a very simple Regulation. An ordinary man can pick it up.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What is the maximum general quaification possessed by the Traffic Inspectors now chosen?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Has no attention been bestowed upon that matter when the choice was made?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): They were given a personal interview.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Has any one of them passed at least the Third Form examination?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say as to that.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Does any one of them know English?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I know very little Malayalam. I was able to converse with them freely in English.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Do they talk good English.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Quite good English.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Do they know to read and write?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is it because the Motor Vehicles Regulation is considered a minor Regulation that the Commissioner has decided that no general qualification is necessary for Traffic Inspectors?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): After all, I do not know what the member's argument is. I find some B.As' with extraordinary general knowledge and capacity, while there are other B. As, extremely deficient in general knowledge.

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know the minimum general qualification necessary?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): They have to satisfy both the Chief Engineer and the Police Commissioner. I am satisfied that the men chosen are suitable for the post.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is that the rule applicable to all persons to be entertained in the Police Department?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): In what branch?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In any branch.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): In regard to ordinary Inspectors, we are carrying out the G. O. that all Inspectors should be B. As. And, I choose the best among the applicants.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Why not apply the same rule here also?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I do so.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What is the ordinary general qualification required for a Traffic Inspector's post?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I can both get M. As with little technical qualification and men with high technical qualification with the minimum general qualification.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What is the minimum examination fixed for a Constable's place as far as the Nayars are concerned? Is it not the school final examination?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I have not prescribed that, as far as I recollect.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In the notification published, it is stated like that, the only exception being the cases of children of retired Police Officers. So, does the Police Commissioner say that the post of a Traffic Inspector is much lower than that of an ordinary Police constable?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Then, why is it that the Police Commissioner does not fix a fairly high general qualification for Traffic Inspectors also?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, I am in the middle of my speech and I have been subjected already to cross examination for about ten minutes. If I am examined like this, I do not think I will be able to finish my speech within the time allowed to me.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether there were not among the applicants persons with both general and technical qualifications.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): We went carefully through the list and found that there were no B. As. with technical qualification. The position is this—young men who wish to enter upon a scientific or engineering career after reaching a certain standard in English, without continuing their study to get the B. A. degree go off to technical institutes and study Mechanical Engineering, Electricity and

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so on. Hence the difficulty of getting B. As with sufficient technical qualification.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Sir, I too rise to support the motion now before the House. I did not want to speak, but for the Police Commissioner's observation that only two members had spoken for the motion. I was rather taken aback by that observation. That is not the spirit in which these motions should be understood by members on the other side. We do not want to take the time of the House and therefore it is that only some of us speak on some motions. It is wrong for the members on the other side to decide, as to how *we* take a motion, by the number of speeches we make.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is to save time and talk on some other more comprehensive subject that many of us did not speak on this motion?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : That may be one reason. There may be others.

Sir, one great advantage that I find by the separation of the regular Police from the Traffic Branch is that the pages allotted for the Police Department in the Gazette are fuller now than they were formerly. A few more pages in the gazette are now allotted to the Police; and I find curious publications there. I believe this is due to the fact that the Traffic Superintendent who was once the Personal Assistant to the Police Commissioner has now plenty of time. With reference to some of the notifications that appeared under the signature of the Traffic Superintendent in the Gazette, I had asked certain interpellations ; but I have not been supplied with answers so far. The Traffic Superintendent, I find, some times issues orders, which, I am certain, transgress some of the Sections of the Motor Vehicles Regulation which empower Government alone to formulate rules. I am told that the Police Commissioner is not responsible for this. One other advantage that I find in regard to the bifurcation of the duties of the Department is that the District Superintendent is also a Postal Superintendent in regard to the Traffic matters. With regard to this I asked certain questions to the Chief Secretary to Government, and I am made to understand that the Police Commissioner says that hereafter D. S. P's. shall check all orders passed by the Traffic Superintendent upon reports received by him from his subordinates. He has to record them, and some times to transmit these orders to the Assistant Superintendent. He is therefore no District Superintendent but Postal Superintendent of the Traffic Branch. To say that the local District Superintendent shall hereafter have no control over the Traffic Force within the District is, to speak the least a very unwise step. The Traffic Superintendent who is at Trivandrum, it is said, shall exercise powers over the entire Traffic staff. If this is the way in which the District Superintendent in the District in which these men move is expected to do duties, there would be no end of corruption. My own impression is that this is one other unwise step devised by the Police Commissioner. Another draw-back that I have to point out in regard

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to this bifurcation is this: On former occasions, when the checking was done under the direct supervision of the local Police Inspectors there was some sort of corruption or some sort of unapprovable method of carrying on checking. I do not want to make it more specific, because the Police Commissioner knows what I mean. It was the travellers who had to bear this increased burden. Such things continued under the very nose of the District Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent. Now, the District Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, need check only some reports and transmit them to the Traffic Superintendent at Trivandrum. They are going to have absolutely no control over the Traffic Inspectors. These persons are now let loose upon the public and on the bus travellers. And, the climax is reached when the Police Commissioner said that he did not insist upon any general qualifications for the Traffic Inspectors.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : How does the member make out that a man possessing the qualification of B. A. is incorruptible ?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I thought the Police Commissioner would accept the acknowledged rule that among better educated people we get a better class of officers. The Police Commissioner's theory seems to be that the greater the education a man has the greater the chances of his becoming corrupt.

That I believe, is opposed to all accepted principles in the matter of appointments. I thought that Traffic Inspectors, who would be in independent charge of separate sections, would be men of some status. I believed I would get a chance of stating my points fully and that Government, in their sense of fairness, would accept them. But I now find that the men have actually been selected and their names got approved by Government long before the posts were sanctioned. Sir, I support the motion, condemning to the best of my ability the practice now adopted.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2-17 P. M. and reassembled at 3-1 P. M.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): സർ, മി. നീലകണ്ഠപ്പിള്ളയുടെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിൽ എതാനും ഭാഗത്തോട്ട ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നു. ട്രാഫിക്ക്ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു പോലീസിൽനിന്നും തിരിക്കേണ്ടതുതന്നെ വശ്യമാണെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായക്കാരനാണു ഞാൻ. പോലീസ്ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ഉ ഠ ൻ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരോളമുണ്ട്. ബസ്സിൽ ഈ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരൊക്കെ ക്രൂചികൊടുക്കാതെ യാത്രചെയ്യുക എന്നവരുമ്പോൾ ബസ്സുകാർക്കും മറുയാത്രക്കാർക്കും ഇതുകൊണ്ടു വലിയ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ട്. ട്രാഫിക്ക്ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു പ്രത്യേകം തിരിച്ചാൽ ട്രാഫിക്ക്പോലീസുകാർമാത്രമെ ബസ്സിൽ ക്രൂചികൊടുക്കാതെ കയറുകയുള്ളു

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ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെ നിയമനത്തിൽ കമ്മീഷണർ കാനിച്ച നയം തീരെ സ്വീകാര്യമായിട്ടുള്ള ഒന്നല്ല. പോലിസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർക്കുള്ള യോഗ്യതക്കും പുറമെ മെക്കാനിക്കൽ qualification ക്രടി ഉള്ളവരെ വേണം ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരായി നിയമിക്കാൻ എന്നു ജാങ്ങ്ടം ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർ III Form വരെ എങ്കിലും പഠിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു ചോദിച്ചതിനു കമ്മീഷണർക്കു സമാധാനം പറയുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെ നിയമിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : നിയമിച്ചു എന്നാണു കാണുന്നതു്.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): എത്രപേരെ നിയമിച്ചു?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): മുന്നോ നാലോപേരെ നിയമിച്ചുകാണും. ഇവരിൽ യൂണിവേർസിറ്റി എക്സാമിനേഷൻ പാസായവരാരെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടോ എന്നു സംശയമാണു്. ഇവർക്കു ചിലപ്പോൾ സർട്ടിഫിക്കേറ്റുകൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നാണു പറയുന്നതു്. അതു വല്ല ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂഷനിൽനിന്നും മേടിക്കാൻ ഒരു പ്രയാസവുമില്ല. സാധാരണ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെക്കാൾ ക്രട്ടതൽ ശമ്പളവും പടിയുംകൊടുത്തുനിയമിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർ വാഹനങ്ങളുടെ ഭാരത്തേയും ഗതിവേഗത്തേയും നിയന്ത്രിക്കുന്നതിനു തക്ക പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ളവരായിരിക്കണമെന്നു ഫ്രാ ഒ നു-ലെ പ്രജാസഭയിൽ ഞാൻതന്നെ നിവേദനംസമർപ്പിക്കയും, അതിനെ സ്വീകരിച്ചു നിയമനം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു് എന്നെ അറിയിക്കയും ചെയ്തു. എന്നാൽ ഇത്ര നികൃഷ്ടമായ നിലയിൽ നിയമനം ഉണ്ടാകുമെന്നു ഞാൻ അശേഷം ആശിച്ചിരുന്നില്ല. ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുദ്യോഗത്തിനു അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവരുടെ ക്രട്ടത്തിൽ M. E. L. M. E. മുതലായ പരീക്ഷകളം പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരുണ്ടായിരുന്നു എന്നാണു എന്റെ അറിവു്. എന്റെ അറിവു ശരിയാണെങ്കിൽ കമ്മീഷണർ നടത്തിയ തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പു ഒട്ടും ആശാസ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളതല്ല എന്നു പറയാതെ തരമില്ല. മറ്റുചിലർ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർ മോട്ടാർവാഹനങ്ങളുടെ ബ്രേക്ക് മാത്രം നോക്കിയാൽ മതി എന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടു ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നില്ല. മോട്ടാർവാഹനങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി യാതൊന്നും അറിയാൻ പാടില്ലാത്തവരെ നിയമിച്ചാൽ അതു

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കുട്ടികളുടെ കയ്യിൽ വാളു കൊടുക്കുന്നതുപോലെ ആയിത്തീരും. അതിനാൽ മോട്ടാർവാഹനങ്ങളുടെ മെക്കാനിസം അറിയാവുന്നവർക്കുടി ആയിരിക്കണം ഇങ്ങനെ നിയമിക്കപ്പെടേണ്ടതു. എന്നാൽ കഷ്ടിച്ചു III Form വരെമാത്രം പഠിച്ചു യാതൊരു ചുമതലബോധവും ഇല്ലാത്തവരെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതായാൽ അതു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു കൂടുതൽ ഉപദ്രവകരമായിത്തീരും.

ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെ നിയമനത്തിനായി കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തിൽതന്നെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചു. അതിനുശേഷം ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തെ സമയമുണ്ടായിട്ടുപോലും ധാരാളം അപേക്ഷകന്മാരുടെ അപേക്ഷകളെ ക്ഷണിച്ചുവരുത്തി പരിക്ഷായോഗ്യത കൂടുതലുള്ളവരെ കമ്മീഷണർ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കാൻ ഉദ്യമിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. നൂറോളം അപേക്ഷകന്മാരുണ്ടായിരുന്നിട്ടും യോഗ്യന്മാരെ തെരെഞ്ഞെടുത്തില്ലന്നാണ് എന്റെ അറിവു്.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): പുതുതായി നിയമിക്കുന്ന ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർ ബി. എ. പാസായിരിക്കണമെന്നു നിർബന്ധമുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചേടത്തോളമങ്ങനേ നിർബന്ധമില്ല.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): മറു പോലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചേടത്തോളം അങ്ങനെയുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഉണ്ടു്.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ബി. എ. പാസായിരുന്നാൽമാത്രം മതിയൊ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): സൽസ്വഭാവികളും കൂടി ആയിരിക്കണം.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamthitta*) : General qualification ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു കമ്മീഷണർ പറഞ്ഞില്ലെ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞില്ല. ബി. എ. പാസായതുകൊണ്ടുമാത്രം വിശേഷമില്ല. ഒരാളിനെ ജോലിക്കു നിയമിക്കുന്നുഎങ്കിൽ അയാൾ ശരിയായ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ളവനും സൽസ്വഭാവിയും യോഗ്യനുമായിരിക്കണം. റയിൽവേവക്കു് ഷാപ്പു കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള യോഗ്യതയെമാത്രം വച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഒരാളിനെ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽ നിയമിച്ചാൽ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കാണ് അതുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ടാകുന്നതു്.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): ബി. എ. പാസ്സായാൽ സ്വഭാവം ചീത്തയാകുമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): പരീക്ഷാവിജയമുള്ളവരുടെ സ്വഭാവം സാധാരണ ചീത്തയാവുകയില്ല.

MR. K KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*). ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാർ ബി. എ. പാസാകണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അപ്പോൾ കമ്മീഷണരുടെ യോഗ്യത എന്തായിരിക്കണം?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): കമ്മീഷണർക്കു പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത ഒന്നുമില്ലെല്ലോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): May I remind the member that the Police Commissoner said that the men selected had qualifications recognised by Government?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഡിഗ്രിവല്ലതുമുണ്ടോഎന്നുചോദിച്ചപ്പോൾ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റുള്ളതെന്നാണ് പറഞ്ഞത്. ഡിഗ്രിയുള്ളയാളുകളെ കിട്ടുമ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറു കഷ്ടപ്പെടേണ്ടതായുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഡിഗ്രിയുണ്ടെങ്കിലും എക്സ്പീരിയൻസില്ലാതെ വരികയില്ലേ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇപ്പോൾ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവർക്കു എക്സ്പീരിയൻസുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതിനു എന്താണ് നിശ്ചയം?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): മെക്കാനിക്കൽ ക്വാളിഫിക്കേഷനും ബി. എ. ക്വാളിഫിക്കേഷനും ക്രടിയുള്ളവരില്ലായിരുന്നുഎന്നാണ് കമ്മീഷണർ പറഞ്ഞത്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരെ കിട്ടിയില്ലെങ്കിൽ എം. ഇ. പാസായവരെ എടുക്കാമല്ലൊ. അതു യൂനിവേർസിറ്റി സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു പരീക്ഷയാണ്. അമേരിക്കയിൽ പോയി എം. ഇ. പാസായിട്ടുള്ള അപേക്ഷകന്മാർ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു എന്നാണ് എന്റെ അറിവു. എന്റെ അറിവു തെറ്റാണെങ്കിൽ കമ്മീഷണർ തിരുത്തുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): അപ്പോൾ മെമ്പർ പറയുന്നതു ബി. എ. പാസാകണമെന്നില്ല; ടെക്നിക്കൽ ക്വാളിഫിക്കേഷൻ മതി എന്നാണോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ബി. എ. പാസായിട്ടുള്ളവരെ തന്നെ നിയമിക്കണം; എന്നാൽ.....

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരില്ലെങ്കിലോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): അപേക്ഷകന്മാരേയെല്ലാം ഇന്നദിവസം വരണമെന്ന പരസ്യം ചെയ്ത് അവരുടെ യോഗ്യത നോക്കി കൂടുതൽ യോഗ്യതയുള്ളവരെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കണം.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): അങ്ങിനെ വല്ലതും കമ്മീഷണർ ചെയ്യോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇല്ല.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): എല്ലാ വകുപ്പിലും അങ്ങിനെനോക്കി നിയമനം നടത്തുന്നതു നല്ലതല്ലേ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): നല്ലതാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് തന്റെ ഇഷ്ടംപോലെ നിയമിക്കാനുള്ള അധികാരം ഒരിക്കലും പോട്ടുത്തുകൂടാ.

ഹെഡ്കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരായി പ്ലീഡർ ഷിപ്പു പാസായവരെ നിയമിക്കണം. ഇപ്പോൾ പി. സി. മുതൽ ഹെഡ്കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾ ഒഴുക്കുകയാണ് പതിവ്. ധാരാളം പരീക്ഷാവിജയികളെ നമുക്കു ലഭിക്കുമെന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ ബി. എൽ. പാസായവർക്കുപോലും ഇതിനു വരികയില്ലയോ എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ സംശയിക്കുന്നതു. കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരെ തന്നെ ഹെഡ്കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരായി നിയമിക്കുന്നതു കൊണ്ടാണു കൈക്കൂലി അധികമായി വളർന്നുവരുന്നതു.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): സർവ്വീസിൽ യോഗ്യതയുള്ളവരുണ്ടായിരുന്നാൽ കൊടുക്കരുതോ?.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): യോഗ്യതയുള്ളവരുണ്ടായിരുന്നാൽ കൊടുക്കാം. പക്ഷേ അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവർ തിരുവിതാംകൂർ കാരായിരിക്കണം. ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കുന്നവിഷയത്തിൽ പരീക്ഷാ യോഗ്യതയ്ക്കും പുറമെ സമുദായ പ്രാതിനിധ്യവും, പ്രാദേശികപ്രാതിനിധ്യവും കൂടിനോക്കണം.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): ഇതിൽ പ്രാധാന്യം പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയ്ക്കാണ് അല്ലെ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതമാത്രമല്ലാ, സ്വഭാവത്തെയ്മ്മല്യംകൂടി നോക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്. കൈക്കൂലി വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നവർക്കു ഒരിക്കലും ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കരുതു. ഓരോ ബസ്സിനും രണ്ടണവീതം വാങ്ങിച്ചാലും ഏട്ടോപത്തോ രൂപാ ഒരുദിവസംതന്നെ ചെക്കിംഗ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിളിനോ ഹെഡ്കാൺസ്റ്റബിളിനോ കിട്ടും.

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) ; സ്വഭാവമൈമ്മില്യം നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതെങ്ങിനെയാണ്?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): അതു അന്വേഷിച്ചു വേണം അറിയാൻ.

MR. TARIATU KUNJI TOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : ഇപ്പോൾ അങ്ങിനെ നോക്കിയാണ് ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരായി നിയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നു വേണ്ടേ വിചാരിക്കാൻ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഇപ്പോൾ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവർ സ്വഭാവ മൈമ്മില്യം ഇല്ലാത്തവരാണെന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നില്ല. മേലാലുള്ള നിയമനത്തിനതായിരിക്കണം തോത് എന്നേ പറയുന്നൊള്ളൂ.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. മോട്ടാർ വ്യവസായികൾ വളരെ നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടാണ് ഇപ്പോൾ അവരുടെ വ്യവസായം നടത്തിവരുന്നത്. എല്ലാപോലീസുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്കും, അവർക്കു ബോധിച്ചതുപോലെ മോട്ടാർവാഹനങ്ങളെ നിയന്ത്രിക്കാനും, മോട്ടാർ വ്യവസായികളുടെകയ്യിൽനിന്നും പണം വാങ്ങിക്കാനും സൌകര്യമുള്ള നിലയിലാണ് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ട്രാഫിക്ക് ഭരണം. അതിനൊരു വ്യത്യാസം വരുത്തണമെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചായിരിക്കണം ട്രാഫിക്ക് വകുപ്പിനെ വേർതിരിച്ചത്. ബസ്സിൽ എത്രതന്നെ ആളുണ്ടായിരുന്നാലും വഴിയിൽ ഒരു പോലീസുകാരനെകണ്ടാൽ അയാളെക്കൂടി കയറ്റികൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനു ബസ്സുകാർ ഇപ്പോൾ നിർബന്ധിതരായിത്തീരുന്നു അവരെക്കൂടി കയറ്റിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകാത്തപക്ഷം പലതരത്തിലുള്ള ഉപദ്രവങ്ങളും അവർ നിമിത്തം ബസ്സുകാക്കുണ്ടാകും. എല്ലാപോലീസുകാർക്കും വാഹനനിയന്ത്രണത്തിനുള്ള അധികാരമാനംകിയിരിക്കുന്നതു ഈ ക്ഷാമകാലത്തു ബസ്സുടമസ്ഥന്മാക്കു കൂടുതൽ ഉപദ്രവങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതിനു വഴിയായിരിക്കുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ട്രാഫിക്ക് വേർതിരിക്കുന്നതു വളരെ നല്ലതാണ്. അങ്ങിനെചെയ്താൽ ട്രാഫിക്കുകൺട്രോൾ ഏതാനുംപേർക്കു മാത്രമല്ലെവരു. എന്നാൽ ഇതിലേക്കായി നിയമിക്കുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ന്യായസ്ഥന്മാരും, യോഗ്യന്മാരും പ്രത്യേക പരീക്ഷാവിജയമുള്ളവരും ആയിരിക്കണം. ഇപ്പോൾ കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാർ ഓരോരുത്തരും ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരോടും മറ്റും ശുപാർശചെയ്തു തന്നെ ചെക്കിങ്ങ് ജോലിക്കയക്കണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിക്കുകയാണു ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. ചെക്കിങ്ങ് ജോലിയിൽ കുറെ ആദായമുള്ളതാണ് ഇ

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തിനു കാരണം. അതിനാൽ നല്ലയോഗ്യന്മാരെതന്നെ ഇതിലേക്കു തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കണം.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : എല്ലാ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലും യോഗ്യന്മാരെനോക്കി തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു വച്ചാൽമതിയോ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : യോഗ്യന്മാരെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു ഓരോവകുപ്പിലും നിയമിക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതു പണ്ടേതന്നെ ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ വലിയ ഒരുഭാഗവും അഴിമതിക്കാരും കൈക്കൂലിക്കാരുമാണ്. ഹെഡ കാൻസ്റ്റബിൾമാരെ ട്രാഫിക്ക് വകുപ്പിൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരാക്കി വയ്ക്കുന്നതു നല്ലതല്ല. അവർവളരെകാലമായി അഴിമതിനടത്തി പരിചയിച്ചവരാണ്. അവരിലും യോഗ്യന്മാർ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കാം; എന്നാൽ അധികവും അങ്ങിനെയല്ലെന്നാണ് ജനാഭിപ്രായം. ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെ കായ്ത്തിലും പരിക്ഷായോഗ്യതമാത്രം നോക്കിയാൽപോരാ. സൽസ്വഭാവവുംദീനാനുകമ്പയുമുള്ളവരായിരിക്കണം. അങ്ങനെയുള്ളവരെമാത്രമേ ട്രാഫിക്ക്കൺട്രോൾകായ്ത്തിൽ ചുമതലപ്പെടുത്താവൂ. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അഴിമതികളും കുഴപ്പങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടാകും.

ഡ്രൈവർമാരെ ശരിയായി നിയന്ത്രിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിൽ അവർ ജനങ്ങളെ കൊള്ളചെയ്യും. എന്നാൽ ഡ്രൈവർമാരെ അധികമായി ഉപദ്രവിച്ചു നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തിയാൽ അവർ ആ നഷ്ടംകൂടി ജനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു ഈടാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. അതിനാൽ ഇതെല്ലാം നോക്കി പ്രവർത്തിക്കത്തക്ക യോഗ്യന്മാരായ ആഫീസർമാരെ വേണം ഇതിൽ നിയമിക്കാൻ. അവർ എന്തെങ്കിലും അഴിമതി പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം അവരെ ശാസിച്ചു ശരിപ്പെടുത്തത്തക്കവണ്ണം കമ്മീഷണരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധ എപ്പോഴും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കയും വേണം, എന്നാൽമാത്രമേ ഈവകുപ്പു നേരെ ആവുകയൊള്ളൂ.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): I am strongly of opinion that the Department must not be disintegrated. The Traffic Branch must be part and parcel of the Department of Police, and it must be under the control of the Commissioner of Police. It is in the interests of discipline and control and in the interests of those persons who are already in service that, this should be done. In view of this fact it is always advisable that recruitment of officers to the traffic branch is made always from amoug those persons who are in service and not from persons outside who are new to this post. With these few words I support the motion.

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MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : സർ, ട്രാഫിക്ക് പോലീസുഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽനിന്നും തിരിച്ചു പ്രത്യേകം ഒരു വകുപ്പാക്കണമെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായം ഞാൻ ഇതിനുമുമ്പുതന്നെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. എന്നാൽ അങ്ങിനെ പ്രത്യേകം വകുപ്പായി മാറുമ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ Efficiency ക്കു കുറവുവരുമെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായംകൂടി എനിക്കുണ്ട്. പോലീസുകാരെക്കൊണ്ടു മോട്ടോറുടമസ്ഥന്മാക്കും യാത്രക്കാർക്കും ഉള്ള ഉപദ്രവങ്ങളും ഇതുകൊണ്ടു തീരുമെങ്കിൽ യഥാർത്ഥത്തിൽ ഇതു വലുതായ ഒരനുഗ്രഹം തന്നെയാണ്. എന്നാൽ വേണ്ടിടത്തോളം യോഗ്യതയില്ലാത്തവരെയാണ് ഇതിനു മുമതലപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതെങ്കിൽ ഒരു പക്ഷേ ഉപദ്രവം ഉണ്ടായേക്കാം. ജനറൽ എഡ്യൂക്കേഷനും ടെക്നിക്കൽ എഡ്യൂക്കേഷനും ഉള്ളവരെ കിട്ടിയില്ലെങ്കിൽ ടെക്നിക്കൽ എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ മാത്രമുള്ളവരെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിൽ എനിക്കാക്ഷേപമില്ല. എന്നാൽ അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരുണ്ടായിട്ടും അവരെ നിയമിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിനേപ്പറ്റി ആക്ഷേപിക്കാതിരിക്കാനും നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

ഇനി ഇവക്കു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ശമ്പളത്തെപ്പറ്റി ചിലതു പറയുവാനുണ്ട്. ജനറൽ എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ ലഭിച്ച പോലീസുഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്റെ മറേറബ്രാഞ്ചിൽ ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നവർക്കു ട്രാഫിക്കു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു ശമ്പളം കുറവായിട്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നതു്. അതുനിമിത്തം അവരുടെ മനസ്സുമടിഞ്ഞു ജോലിയിലുള്ള ശ്രദ്ധക്കാന്തി കുറഞ്ഞേക്കാനിടയുണ്ട്. അതിനാൽ പോലീസിന്റെ മറുവകുപ്പിലുള്ളവർക്കുകൂടി ട്രാഫിക്ക്വകുപ്പിൽ പരിശീലനം നൽകി എടുക്കത്തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള സൌകര്യം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണു. എന്നാൽ ട്രാഫിക്ക് പ്രത്യേകമായി തിരിച്ചതുകൊണ്ടു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർക്കു ടെക്നിക്കൽ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത ഒന്നും വേണ്ട എന്നു പറയുന്നതു അക്രമമാണെന്നു പറയാതെ തരിമല്ല. ടെക്നിക്കൽ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ളവർതന്നെയായിരിക്കണം. ഇതുയും പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ എതിർത്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I rise to support the motion. The object of the motion is to deal with two matters. One is the question of recruitment and the other is the undesirability of separation. By undesirability of separation, I understand, is meant the treating of the officers belonging to the Traffic Branch as forming a separate department for purposes of promotion, etc., from the officers forming the regular Police Force. Of course, when a separate Superintendent for traffic has been appointed, it follows that the Traffic Section should be in

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[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.]

a way distinct from the rest of the Police Force; but that does not mean that the officers who belong to the Traffic Section should form a separate group from the officers who constitute the remaining section of the Police. In regard to this, my view is that there is no necessity for separating the two sections. On the contrary it seems to me objectionable ; because, to me, it appears, Sir, that there should be complete co-operation between the various branches of the Department whether it relates to regulation of traffic, the detection of crime or any other branch of Police work. Otherwise, certainly conflict is bound to arise. Not only that, there is no justification for separating these two branches. The ground alleged for this kind of separation is that persons who have to deal with traffic work have to be specially qualified for testing the buses and other vehicles. The Police Commissioner told that there was no point in insisting on higher general education so far as the Traffic Inspectors are concerned. I am really surprised that an officer of the rank of the Police Commissioner should take that view.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): That does not necessarily follow from what I said. I only said that because a person is a graduate it does not mean he is incorruptible.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I do not say that ala graduates are incorruptible. But generally it is accepted that they are less corruptible, and Government have proceeded so far, on the assumption that graduates, or for that matter, educated men are generally better in point of character than uneducated men.

M. TARITU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): കൈക്കൂലികാര്യത്തിൽ ഗ്രാഡുവെറ്റുകളാണോ മറ്റുള്ളവരേക്കാൾ ഭേദമായിരിക്കുന്നതു ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I maintain that generally graduates *are* better than non-graduates in point of character. Otherwise, there is no meaning in our spending all this money on education. We may as well close all our schools and colleges. Mr. Kunjitomman himself, and, for that matter, if the the Police Commissioner were to remain in Travancore, he and his childern would not like to have our schools and colleges closed. I do maintain Sir, that with education character does improve. That is a position that cannot be controverted. Let us proceed on that assumption then. There are two aspects of the question, Sir, that have to be considered. No doubt, there is the testing to be attended to ; but, on the other hand, there is the work of control of traffic which requires character. Sir, I do not think, in spite of all that the Police Commissioner has said, may maintain, it is necessary for me to advance any argument to establish the position that a person who has to regulate traffic, which is a branch of police work has ample scope for corruption. Such

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Traffic Inspector must, therefore, be an educated man. I can quite understand that, for the purpose of testing the cars, the person should have the requisite qualification. But even there, there is ample scope for corruption ; and so the person appointed should be above corruption. At any rate, he must have that amount of general education that he can be considered, for practical purposes, to be above corruption. There is no controverting that position. That aspect of the matter has been totally ignored by the Police Commissioner when he maintains that he is not prepared to attach much value to general education so far as the Traffic Inspectors are concerned. As for the technical qualification, I understand that the four Traffic Inspectors, who are now on traffic duty, do really attend to the work of testing the buses. I speak subject to correction ; but I am told that most of them are graduates and have been authorised by the Police Commissioner to attend to this work, and that they *are* able to do it successfully. Where is then the justification, I ask, for saying "No ; these men are not fit enough for this work. They do not possess the requisite qualification. So, men with some mechanical qualification should be selected. Am I to understand that the buses have been till now tested by people without requisite qualification and that the lives of Travancoreans have been placed in jeopardy ? Certainly the Police Commissioner will not admit that, that was the situation. So, the present men *are* qualified for testing the buses. Further, this matter was mentioned here on a prior occasion, and there was ample time for the Commissioner to give notice to the present man that such of them as have not got the requisite qualification should get the requisite qualification. There would not have been any difficulty, and we could have had any number of highly educated men to take up this work. After all, it does not seem to be a work that requires much of technical qualification. It is a matter of common knowledge, Sir, that this kind of qualification is not very difficult to obtain. Further, these Inspectors were also tested and examined, I am told, by the Commissioner, or by some officer of the Engineering Department, and they were found to be quite fit. I understand that some of them, without any training in any Engineering College or school, have worked in some Workshop for sometime and got the necessary training. Sir, I maintain that if a non-matriculate or a non-School final man would require two years to qualify himself in this kind of work, an ordinary graduate with average intelligence would require not more than three months, or at the most only six months. It would have been very good if graduate Inspectors, or even non-graduate Inspectors with character, had been asked to train themselves in this work. Sir, nothing has been done in that direction so far. I ask, why should these unqualified men, men who would not be entertained by Mr. Westerdale on a pay of Rs. 15 in his Department, should be entertained in the Police Department on Rs. 150. I cannot understand the logic of it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Sir, the question has been discussed from various aspects. Every one of us is in a position to understand what exactly the situation is. My request therefore

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[Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.]

is that we must think coolly about this question. I am thankful to the Police Commissioner that, by a timely operation of the fire-engine the atmosphere also has been cooled down. The question, when it is analysed, comes to this, whether a man with a better general qualification and with the requisite mechanical qualification is to be preferred for the post of Traffic Inspector to a man who is posing himself as possessing some technical qualification but who has absolutely no educational qualification. That is one of the main issues now before the House.

The second issue is whether it is for the benefit of the public that the Traffic Branch should be separated from the general Police Force, The Commissioner of Police was saying that he would continue to exercise control over the Traffic Inspectors. That may be all right. But the position has again to be explained whether the efficiency of the Traffic Branch is not likely to be affected by recruiting fresh men with no general qualification. That a man with high general educational qualification is superior to a man with little or no educational qualification is a matter of general understanding and every appointment in the State is made on that assumption. Therefore, it is no use starting a discussion on that point. We can safely proceed on that assumption.

Then Sir,the Administration Report of the Department discloses the following facts. Among the Police constables enrolled during 1106 there was no difficulty to get men who have passed the Intermediate Examination. Several men who have passsed the V. S. L. C. Examination have also been appointed. With reference to efficiency also, the Commissioner himself concedes that educated men *are* preferable to uneducated men. Why, then, should a deviation be made with reference to the appointment of Traffic Inspecters alone, I do not understand. The Police Commissioner may say that they have some technical qualification. But, is it laid down anywhere that a particular standard of technical qualification *is* necessary for appointments in the Traffic Branch ? We do not know whether the persons who have been selected—I am not sure whether they have already been selected—or who are going to be selected, possess the necessary technical qualification. I heard the Commissioner say that they possess some certificate from some recognised institute. If the technical aspect of the question alone is to be considered with respect to these appointments, I assert that even a certificate from Mr. Paramesvaran's factory would be as good as if not better than the so-called certificates which people produce now-a-days for getting appointments. We assert and we will continue to assert that if well educated men *are* available, their claims ought to be recognised. Better qualified men are given preference in the matter of appointments in other Departments. Mr. Thanu Pillai also was emphasising this point. I do not understand why, in the case of the appointments of Traffic Inspectors alone this should be brushed aside. The Police Commissioner went to the extent of saying that the Traffic Inspectors were

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concerned with the complete examination of buses and not merely with the testing of brakes. I can understand that the Inspectors must know something about the general structure of motor cars. They must know that if a nut has gone loose or if there is something wrong in the plug it would be impossible to drive the car. But, even ordinary laymen who have some acquaintance with motor cars, know that. A layman like me, who has nothing to do with the mechanism of a motor car, knows almost all the technical names from the drivers and the conductors. These are not the arguments that should weigh with the Government when making these appointments. The question is whether separation is inadvisable or not and whether a man without general qualification, a man who cannot understand the legal provisions of the Police Regulation and the Motor Vehicles Regulation, a man who cannot be expected to frame a proper charge before the Magistrate and who cannot collect relevant evidence to charge a driver or conductor, on the mere ground that he possesses some technical qualification, is to be preferred to one who has high general qualifications and to whom all these things are only simple matters. It is a serious responsibility that you are going to entrust to the Traffic Inspectors. I emphasise this point. He is liable to corruption. His opportunities for compromising situations are immense. Should not, I ask, a qualified man, a graduate or a graduate-in-law who would be completely under the disciplinary control of the Head of the Department, be preferred to a man with very low general qualification? It is as evident as day light. Either the Commissioner must establish that university degrees are useless or he must accept our suggestions.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Perhaps, I was not sufficiently explicit in my first speech to enable the members of the House to understand that naturally I would prefer to have, amongst the new Traffic Inspectors, gentlemen with the educational qualifications of B. A., M. A., or B. L. But unfortunately none such were forthcoming *with technical qualifications*. Gentlemen who have obtained certificates from Government Technical Institutes would be admitted into those institutes for training only if they have some educational qualification. They must have some educational qualification also to be able to read the text-books on mechanical engineering and to come out successful in the examination. I can show to the House that the new Inspectors, when they are appointed, will be found to have sufficient educational qualification to carry on their work. The main criterion was to get men with a sufficient technical qualification.

As regards character, I may say that I have made enquiries concerning each one of these persons who has been chosen, and I consider them likely to be honest and trustworthy officers.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What about the Traffic Inspectors who have till now been testing the buses?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): They have been testing the buses, as far as I know, quite well.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the number of such Inspectors?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): At present, we have four Traffic Inspectors of whom three have been authorised to test buses. Mr. Lopez was directly entertained as an Inspector. He had technical qualification; though not a B. A. When it was decided to reorganise the Traffic Department, it was thought better to start with an inspecting staff possessing proper technical qualifications sufficient to enable them to carry on their work. As regards the existing Inspectors who are doing the work of Traffic Inspectors, all of them, except Mr. Lopez, were provisionally obtained from the ordinary line of the Police Department, and as a matter of fact, some of them will certainly do far better in the ordinary line than in the traffic.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the qualifications of these Inspectors to test buses?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Mr. Lopez is an L. M. E. of Bangalore. Mr. Narayanan Nayar has no technical qualification, but he has been declared fit to test buses by the P. W. D.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the basis on which he was declared fit to test buses?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*); I think he had some training. Before he was declared fit for testing he was examined.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know what kind of training he had?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say. I was not in the State then.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Did Mr. Lopez also take part in the examination?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I believe so.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the comparative merit of these two people?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) Mr. Narayanan Nayar————.

PRESIDENT: Do not enter into names please. Personalities should be avoided.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Before closing I should like to say that the question of educational qualification has not at all been overlooked. As I said, people must have some educational qualification if they are to enter an institute for getting Diplomas in technical subjects. As regards character which, I agree, is absolutely essential,

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I have made my own enquiries about each individual, and I am satisfied that they will be honest officers.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I am not concerned with names, Sir. The information I wanted was whether a Police Inspector without any previous qualification in testing buses could acquire such a qualification by undergoing a course of training in some workshop or not. The Commissioner of Police referred to certain Inspectors who, though not diploma holders, were declared fit for testing buses. I wish to know how they acquired that qualification and whether it is not possible for other graduates also to qualify themselves in that fashion?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I do not know how these particular officers got their practical experience. It is quite possible for one to get experience by owning a car and attending to its repairs.

PRESIDENT: Before I put the motion to vote, I should like to say a couple of words. There were two points of criticism. One is that, at the recent recruitment of Traffic Inspectors, the method employed has been unsatisfactory. It is perfectly clear from what the Police Commissioner has said that it is impossible to get men, on this pay, with high general qualification *and* technical qualification. It is therefore necessary to choose which is best in the interests of the public to have men with high general qualification or men with high technical qualification. The interests of the public, the public safety, are paramount, and I am surprised that the representatives of the people have not referred to those points except the one passing reference made by Mr. Nilakanta Pillai. The decision to make technical qualification the presiding factor was based on this point that, as the Police Commissioner pointed out, men who have atttained such high technical qualifications cannot be without education of some kind. They must be educated up to a certain point. The other point is whether the separation of the Traffic Branch, from the rest of the Police Department, is advisable or not. In this matter, the opinion of the Head of the Department, who is to work the Department, naturally should carry very great weight; and I can see no reason why there should be any lack of co-operation between the two branches as they come under one head. A strong argument has been supplied by one of the supporters of this motion. Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai said that recently there have been more of offences under the Penal Code and less of accidents. Obviously, the moral to be drawn from that is that these Inspectors should return to their work in the regular line and not be entrusted with traffic work also. Therfore, the principal remedy seems to be that the Traffic Department should be separated.

The motion before the House is to reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,285 for establishment by Re. 1.

The motion was then put to vote and declared lost.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I demand a poll.

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A poll was taken and the House divided as follows :—

AYES—19.

1	Mr. K. C. Chandi	10	Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai
2	,, A. S. Damodaran Asan	11	,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai
3	,, K. Gopolakrishna Pillai	12	,, M. P. Madhavan Pillai
4	,, Joseph Kunju	13	,, A. Narayana Pillai
5	,, K. C. Karunakaran	14	,, K. P. Nilakanta Pillai
6	,, K. Krishnan Nayar	15	,, K. Padmanabha Panikkar
7	,, N. K. Krishna Pillai	16	,, Rama Varma Raja
8	,, S. Krishna Pillai	17	,, R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai
9	,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai	18	,, N. A. Sundaram Pillai
		19	,, A. Thanu Pillai

NOES 23.

1	Mr. L. A. Bishop	13	Mr. E. G. McAlpine
2	,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai	14	,, K. Narayanaperumal Nadar
3	,, K. George	15	,, R. Nilakanta Pillai
4	,, N. John Joseph	16	,, N. K. Padmanabha Pillai
5	,, K. I. Kocheeppan Mappillai	17	,, G. Paramesvaran Pillai
6	,, K. P Kochukora Tarakan	18	,, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai
7	,, A. Kumara Pilla	19	Dr. K. Raman Tampi
8	Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai	20	Mr. S. C. H. Robinson
9	Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman	21	Rao Bahadur A. Venkatarama Aiyar
10	,, L. A. Lampard	22	Mr. P. Visvanatha Aiyar
11	,, C. O. Madhavan	23	,, J. S. Westerdale
12	,, P. S. Mahomed		

NEUTRALS—4.

1	Mr. K. P. Abraham	3	Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar
2	Mrs. Anna Chandi	4	,, C. N. Tuppan Namputiripad

The motion was declared lost. 19 voting for the motion, 23 against and 4 remaining neutral

Motions 347—440.

PRESIDENT : As the motions from 437 to 440 are identical ones, I rule them out of order.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

437 To reduce the allottment of Rs. 13,285 for establishment by Re. 1

ME. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN :

438 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,285 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN :

439 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,285 for establishment by Rs. 5.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR :

440 To reduce the allotment of Rs 13,285 for establishment by Rs. 5.

Motions 441—445.

The following motions were not made.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

441 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN :

442 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Rs. 5.

MR. K. C. CHANDI :

443 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 21,890 for supplies and services and contingencies by Re. 1.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI :

444 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Rs. 500.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU :

445 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

Motion 446.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion :

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

My object in making this motion is to impress on this House and the Government the inefficiency of the Police Department. We have been hearing a lot about the manner in which the Police are trying to harass people inside the lock-ups and at the time of arrest. Recent incidents in Trivandrum in connection with the arrests of congress volunteers during their picketing work and similar occurrences in the Alleppey town bear ample testimony to the cruelty of the subordinates of the Police Department towards the public at large. If we just look into the history of the administration of the Police Department by the present Commissioner we find that every year he has been asking for more Policemen. After his taking charge of the Department, I think the Police Force has been increased by 250 or so, that is by more than ten per cent. That shows either that he is not efficient enough to manage with the number of hands which were found enough by his predecessors or that the condition in the country has changed for the worse and that there is some anarchist movement or revolution here.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether, with the increase in motor traffic, a good many of the Policemen have not now to be set apart for the regulation of traffic ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Even before Mr. Bishop came here, some of the Policemen had been set apart for traffic control.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : But has not the traffic increased considerably now ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : If there has been an increase in the amount of traffic it certainly justifies an increase in the number of Police Constables. I admit that. But the income on account of motor traffic has not increased in proportion to the increase in the staff asked for by the Commissioner. On reference to the Administration Report I find that the number of crimes has gone up and the number of stolen articles detected has gone down.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : The detection of stolen articles has increased in number.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): There has been not much improvement in h percentage of stolen property recovered, it being 35 in 1106, against 52 in 1104. The member can easily see whether 35 is less than 52 or not. But the Police Commissioner is steadily increasing the number of Constables and the amount of the rewards. In 1103 the amount was about Rs. 150, in 1104 the amount was about Rs. 340, in 1105 it was 441, and in 1106, the amount was Rs. 600. In four years, it has increased by four times.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What is the percentage of the value of articles recovered to the total value of the articles stolen?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikaa* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is very low; there is no doubt that it has gone down considerably though the Police Force has increased in number. The number of stolen articles found out is less and the amount of reward is greater. With these words, I move the motion for the consideration of the House.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Sir, in supporting the motion, I have to draw the attention of the House to the answer furnished to me by Government during this session itself. In regard to the first question I asked, I find that the question to which this reply was given was sent up to Government early in June, and that after the receipt of that question, the Commissioner of Police, it would appear, has inspected about 29 police stations including outposts, all during a space of four days. I find that on a particular day he inspected as many as four very important police stations, *viz.*, / Kayankulam, Haripad and Karunagapalli and the Oachira Outpost. One more curious feature about the answer is that the Commissioner of Police has forgotten to visit the outpost at Chavara which is in the route he has followed. The Commissioner might have been aware of the existence of that humble station. It is in a pit; nevertheless, it is visible enough to draw the attention of the passers by. Why he did not think it fit to stop his car there and to see whether the constable was there or was inside the adjoining tea shop, I do not know.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I was able to see him in the outpost from the road.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Probably the speed with which the Commissioner drove his car was so great that he considered it dangerous to apply the brake there. Anyway, the Police Commissioner did not inspect the Outpost there.

MR. S. CHATTANTHA KARYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Does not the member know that motorists cannot put on any great speed at that particular place? There is a sharp bend there.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I am no expert in motor driving or in anything connected with motor cars. My only point is that the Police Commissioner, during his recent circuit, did not inspect a particular place for reasons of his own. The veriest truth about the improper method of supervision came out from Government

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when they answered my supplementary question. So far as the present Commissioner of Police is concerned, it is a pretty long time since he came to Travancore. There are still 50 Outposts which he has not visited even once so far, during all these years. He indented on the services of armed reserve Police in 1107, and that without any necessity or justification. There was a reply from Government that the Police were deputed to a certain place and that they returned from there the same day. The reason given was that since the Government apprehended a breach of the peace they thought that Police help would be of use. That such an apprehension was unfounded became clear from the additional statement furnished in answer to my question. Again it was found that the Commissioner of Police had sent an armed reserve force to Alleppey. The enquiry they made there was perfunctory. I was told so by the member who answered me yesterday. I find from another answer that there were 51 petitions containing allegations of corruption against Police Officers, ranging, I believe, from D. S. P's to Constables. It was most horrifying to find that the Police Commissioner did not make a personal enquiry on those petitions, but simply relied completely on the report of the subordinate officers of the Department. That is really a very unsatisfactory state of affairs. A departmental superior, who has to exercise control, if he behaves in such a perfunctory manner, cannot, I am certain, put down corruption which, as it has been complained, has been on the increase.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): What does the percentage of increase in the number of cases of corruption come to?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Last year's Departmental Report shows that there were 200 and odd cases. There have been 51 cases grouped under the 3 items, bribery, extortion and dishonesty. The 200 cases I spoke of, come under 7 categories. If all these are brought under one item, I am sure the percentage would be only smaller and the Police Commissioner can pride over it, while the fact is otherwise.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): The member is misrepresenting facts, Sir.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I am only repeating what is contained in the Report of the Department for 1106. All this, I believe, is due to the sort of irresponsible attitude on the part of the Head of the Department. If there is a complaint lodged against a particular Police Officer, that matter is asked to be enquired into by the A. S. P. and his decision is adopted, by the Commissioner; so much so, the public are never in a position to get proper relief. Out of 200 cases of corruption reported, the Police Commissioner has been able to award punishment only in one case. There have been several cases where serious punishments could have been resorted to. As things stand at present, the administration of the Department can only go from bad to worse.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): My object in supporting this cut motion is to bring to the notice of the Police Commissioner, and of the Government, the existence of corrupt officers in the Department. The Police Commissioner has not been able to find

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[Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

out even 20 per cent. of such corrupt officers. Mr. Bishop has been sufficiently convinced that certain Police officers in the Nagercoil Division are corrupt. (As a very honest officer in the State—there are very few honest officers in the State—Mr. Bishop has been able to beat out robberry. I have to congratulate Mr. Bishop for doing that work.) But my contention is that he has not been able to pick out the corrupt officers, not even 25 per cent. of them.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*); Sir, the member should substantiate his statement that the officers in my Department are corrupt.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): I shall substantiate my statement, Sir, the senior most D. S. P. Trivandrum, is said to have reported that the A. S. P., Nagercoil, is the root cause of all factions in a village in my constituency.

PRESIDENT: It is better you do not make such observations against particular officers; you may speak generally.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): I shall speak generally, Sir. I stand corrected. In 1106 and 1107 there have been many complaints against the Police Officers, A. S. Ps and D. S. Ps not exempted. But the Police Commissioner has not sufficiently travelled in the country to find out such officers. In my constituency, for example, he has not gone to places like Cape Comorin, Colachel, and Manakudi.

The second point that I want to emphasise is that there is faction among the motor service companies, not only in Nagercoil, but in Quilon, Kottayam and all over the State. But the Police Commissioner has not enquired into the real cause of these factions. I understand that the Police Officers themselves are responsible for these factions, and that some of them are interested. My objection is that they are interested only in certain companies. I would not have any objection if they had interest in all the companies. They are interested in some companies to the detriment of other companies. But the Police Commissioner has not been able to do anything in the matter. I should have given some concrete examples to corroborate my statement. But as the President has ruled that it would not be proper to deal with personalities, I abide by his ruling. I am sorry that I am not in a position to give concrete instances. I want to show that the Police Commissioner has not properly travelled and that that is why he has not been able to pick out the corrupt officers. I am prepared to go to him and point out to him the corrupt officers. It is not proper to say, in this House, that certain officers are corrupt. With these words, I support the motion.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Sir, I also support the motion before the House to bring to the notice of the Government the attempt of the Police to photograph visitors from abroad. A specific instance has been brought to my notice by a respectable gentleman of Trivandrum, a practising Barrister. With your permission, Sir, I shall read out the Barrister's note to me.

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> " Mr. Karam Singh, a distinguished graduate of the University of London, has been recently here on a visit and staying at the Co-operative Home. The C. I. D. Inspector interrogated him at the Home, and gentleman as he was, Mr. Singh gave the Inspector information on every point. The same day and the following day he was way-laid by the Policemen who most insultingly attempted, not once but three times, to snap him. He protested at their rudeness. And, even subsequently, while Mr. Singh was in the President's Gallery at the Legislative Council some Policemen tried to photograph him. If the C.I.D. Inspector or any other responsible individual had but requested him, Mr. Singh would only have been pleased to oblige with a sitting. But then they would not have the pleasure of having been rude and insulting to a respectable visitor to this land. Well, that is how our authorities are enhancing the prestige of Travancore "

of which our beloved Maharaja is very keen. I would not have mentioned this had it not been for the fact that this has become the common practice in Travancore. No less a person than Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru when he visited Trivandrum, was shut out of the gates of the Fort. Sir, this is the state of affairs that we see in Trivandrum. How can the State expect to have any prestige or good name outside? Such a conduct from the Police is highly objectionable. In this country, the Police Department from its very inception has been under the guidance of Englishmen who come from a land where Policemen are the friends of the people. I am told that if a stranger goes to London, the first friend he finds there is the Policeman. But, If a stranger comes to Trivandrum, the Policeman is a terror, a bully. If that is the case in the capital, what would be the condition in the various parts of the country?

Another evil that has taken root in the Department is drink. They take sometimes very heavy doses.

PRESIDENT: I do not think that has anything to do with the general policy of the Department.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): I want to bring to the notice of the House how the general policy of the Department has affected the safety of the public. Not only do they work against the temperance movement, but when they themselves are not sober they do actions for which they cannot be held responsible.

Another peculiar feature with the Police is the rude way in which they behave against the people. I do not think I would be in order if I use some of the words and expressions they use. So, I refrain from using them. If the Police Commissioner had cared to see that the Policemen had been half as good as they are in England, we would have been far better of. I am told that, in England, Policemen are entrusted with the keys of the inner doors of shops and houses. I ask the Police Commissioner what would be the condition of our houses and shops if the keys are handed over to our policemen. I know that the state of affairs obtaining in England cannot be brought about here in a day or two. That requires a good deal of training and proper selection of the right men. I ask what stands in the way of the Commissioner selecting really good men. Educated men have accepted even Constables' posts.

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MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ശീമയിൽ പോലീസുകാരുടെ ശമ്പളം എന്താണെന്നറിയാമൊ?

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Yes, we must pay them well when they do us proper service. When they are true servants of the people we should not grudge to give them any amount they ask.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഇവിടേയും അതുപോലെ ശമ്പളംകൊടുത്താൽ ഇവിടത്തെഓഫീസുകളിലേയും ഹൌസസ്റ്റേറയുംതാക്കോൽ ഇവിടത്തെ പോലീസുകാരുടെകയ്യിലും കൊടുക്കാമെന്നറിയാമൊ?

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): When they become better, we are prepared to pay them higher.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): ഇവിടെ കൂടുതൽ ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കുന്ന ആളുകളൊക്കെ ശരിയായിട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന എന്നഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടൊ?

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): I do not say so. With these words, I support the motion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Sir, I also wish to speak a few words on this motion. All that I wish to say is that the administration of the Police Department is still going on in a very crude and medieval fashion. The example cited by my friend Mr. Gopalakrishna Pillai had been brought to my notice also by the gentleman who was the host. One Mr. Karam Singh, a graduate of the London University had come here on a pleasure trip. He was living in the *Sadanam*. He was pested by the C. I. D. with a lot of questions which he answered patiently, and when he turned this side or that a camera was focussed at his face. One cannot help saying that this is the most primitive way of conducting police business. Even if there was any real necessity for taking his photograph, you ought to be able to manage it cleverly.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): In the case of big personalities, do we not face a camera without consulting them?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): He was not such a big personality.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will it be in such an offensive manner in the case of big personalities?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): He came here and was occupying the gallery. As he was getting outside this compound he was followed by the Police. Even inside the compound the Police were with him.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was it not a mere snap shot?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I do not understand the force of the word '*mere*' Mr. Singh must now have formed a very different

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impression of Travancore than he had obtained from newspapers, and our Police Department has been responsible to that extent.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was he a disgruntled agitator?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I do not know that. I know that he did not come here to agitate; he came on a pleasure trip.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) Was it not a compliment to him when a snapshot was attempted?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Any human being could understand that it was not a compliment. A man of common sense could understand that it was annoyance. Whatever that be, he was much more quiet than many of us here. He is an educated man. He answered all the questions put by the C. I. D. He said he was prepared to give a sitting if they wanted. But he was denied even the ordinary right of a citizen or traveller. I think it is a very serious matter which the Police Commissioner should take note of. I asked that gentleman whether he had put in a petition to the Police Commissioner. I particularly told him to bring it to the notice of the Police Commissioner who might take note of it. I refer to this here, because I thought it afforded a concrete example of the crude, primitive way in which the Police here conduct their business.

In the matter of under-trial prisoners their miseries have been told very often in this House. I have concerte examples of prisoners telling and writing to me what they had suffered when they were under-trial prisoners in the various lockups. I have been told how in a small room people had been huddled together.

These under-trial prisoners are huddled together in Police Stations in such a manner that at night they could not turn this side or that without waking up one another. When these are the state of affairs going on here, I think it is high time we stop talking of our civilisation and cultural advancement. It is particularly gratifying to note that the State has realised the necessity of making itself known to the outside world what Travancore is. But if this is the manner in which things are going to take place in Travancore, I think we ought to think twice before we give publicity to Travancore and its actions. I think this is in direct contradiction to the ideals set forth by His Highness the Maha Raja in his investiture speech. I think the Police Commissioner ought to share the burden for violating the ideal thus set forth by His Highness. Mr. Bishop should make an example of the man who annoyed a respectable gentleman, who has never been guilty of having taken any part, to my knowledge, in any violent agitation and who had not yet been known as an agitator. He was the guest of Mr. A. K. Pillai, Barrister-at-law, once a member of this Council, a respectable citizen. He complained to me of this matter. I asked him to put in a complaint to the Commissioner of Police. I hope the Commissioner of Police would take proper notice of it and bring the offender to book.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): മി. ഓമോദൻ ആശാന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

പൊലീസ്‌സൈന്യത്തിൽ മലയാളം ഏഴാംക്ലാസുപാസായവരെയൊ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ സ്കൂൾഫൈനൽ എക്സാമിനേഷൻ പാസായവരേയൊ മാത്രമെ ചേർക്കയൊള്ളു എന്നാണ് ഗവണ്മെൻറു നോട്ടിഫിക്കേഷനിൽ കാണുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ ഇതിൽനിന്നും അധഃകൃതരേയും പൊലീസുകാരുടെ മക്കളേയും ഒഴിവാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു പറയുന്നുണ്ട്. പിതാവു പൊലീസിൽ വളരെ അക്രമങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടു മക്കളും അതുപോലെ ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളട്ടെ എന്ന ഉദ്ദേശത്തിന്മേലാണൊ പൊലീസുകാരുടെ മക്കൾക്കു കോളിഫിക്കേഷൻ ഒന്നും വേണ്ടെന്നുവച്ചതു് എന്നു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല കൈക്കൂലിവാങ്ങിക്കാത്ത ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെക്കാൾ അനാവശ്യ ആഡംബരങ്ങളിൽ ലയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാർ കൈക്കൂലിവാങ്ങിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള രഹസ്യം ഗ്രാമവാസികളോടു ചോദിച്ചാൽ അറിയാവുന്നതാണ്. മി. കെ. ഗോപാലകൃഷ്ണപിള്ള പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ എത്ര പണം കയ്യിൽകിട്ടിയാലും അവർ ഉടനെ മദ്യപാനംചെയ്യുകയാണു പതിവു്.

ഇതിനും പുറമെ പോലീസുകാർ ധാരാളം പണം സമ്പാദിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു അവരുടെ മക്കൾക്കു വേണ്ട വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നൽകുവാൻ കഴിയും. എന്നാൽ ഗ്രാമവാസികൾക്കു അവരുടെ മക്കളെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ചെയ്യിക്കാൻ സൌകര്യം കിട്ടുന്നില്ല. ഗ്രാമങ്ങളിൽ സ്കൂൾ വളരെ കുറവാണു്, കൂടുതൽ വേണമെന്നാവശ്യപ്പെട്ടാൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു കൊടുക്കുന്നുമില്ല. ടൌണിൽ താമസിച്ചു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു സൌകര്യമുള്ള പോലീസ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ മക്കളെ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയില്ലാതെ തന്നെ പോലീസിൽ ചേർക്കാമെങ്കിൽ ഗ്രാമത്തിൽ താമസിക്കുന്ന കൃഷിക്കാരുടെ മക്കളെ എന്തു കൊണ്ടു ചേർത്തുകൂടാ എന്നു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല.

മി. എസ്. കൃഷ്ണപിള്ള കോട്ടു ചെയ്ത നോട്ടിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണു് ഇനി എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു്. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കമ്മീഷണർ വന്നു മൂന്നാലു കൊല്ലമായിട്ടും അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു അൻപതി ലധികം സ്റേഷൻ കാണാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ചില സ്റേഷൻസ് കാണണമെങ്കിൽ വഞ്ചിയിൽ യാത്ര ചെയ്താലെ സാധിക്കുകയൊള്ളു. ഞങ്ങളുടെ താലൂക്കിലുള്ള നാലു സ്റേഷൻ അദ്ദേഹം കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല. കോട്ടയം താലൂക്കിൽ അദ്ദേഹം ഏ ഠിവസം താമസിച്ചുവെങ്കിലും ഒരു സ്റേഷനും പരി

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ശോധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നാണ് വ്യ-ാം ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ അപ്പെൻഡി-ക്സിൽ നിന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്. കോട്ടയത്തു നിന്നും വടക്കോട്ടുള്ള റോഡിൽ അദ്ദേഹം സഞ്ചരിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ഇങ്ങനെ കോട്ടയത്തിനപ്പുറം സഞ്ചരിക്കാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ലാത്തതായ ഒരു പൊലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരെക്കൊണ്ടു തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ പ്രജകൾക്കെന്താണ് പ്രയോജനം. തനിക്കു ധാരാളം സമയമുള്ളതു കൊണ്ടു പേർസനൽ അസിസ്റ്റന്റിനെ വേണ്ടെന്നുവച്ചു എന്നു അദ്ദേഹം കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റു യോഗത്തിൽ പ്രതിപാദിക്കയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ അന്നു് അദ്ദേഹം അതു പറഞ്ഞതു ട്രാഫിക്കിനു് ഒരു D. S. P. യെ കിട്ടാൻ വേണ്ടി മാത്രമാണ് എന്നു വേണം ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തികൊണ്ടു ഊഹിക്കാൻ. സുഖമെടുക്കാനായി കേപ്പിൽ പോയപ്പോഴും ആ വഴിക്കുള്ള സ്റ്റേഷനും പീരുമേട്ടിൽ പോയപ്പോഴും ആ വഴിക്കുള്ള സ്റ്റേഷനും അല്ലാതെ വടക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഒരു സ്റ്റേഷനും അദ്ദേഹം പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. മേലധികാരികൾ വേണ്ടതുപോലെ കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ അക്രമങ്ങളെയും അഴിമതികളെയും പറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നാൽപോലും ജനങ്ങളുടെ കഷ്ടതയ്ക്കു കുറവില്ലാത്ത ഇക്കാലത്തു മേലുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ഒരിക്കലും സ്ഥലത്തു വന്നു അന്വേഷിക്കയില്ലെന്നു വന്നാൽ കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ അനീതിയെപ്പറ്റി പറയുവാനുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jennies*) : കമ്മീഷണർ സക്കീട്ടു പോയ താലൂക്കുകൾക്കും പോകാത്ത താലൂക്കുകൾക്കും തമ്മിൽ വല്ല വ്യത്യാസവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): വടക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ വന്നിട്ടില്ല. തെക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ അദ്ദേഹം പോയിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കാം. എന്നാൽ തെക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ എന്റെ വാസം വളരെ ചുരുക്കമായതിനാൽ എനിക്കവിടത്തെ സ്ഥിതി അറിഞ്ഞൂകൂടാ. കഴിഞ്ഞ തവണ മി: കുഞ്ഞിത്തൊമ്മൻ പോലീസുകമ്മീഷണർ ജനങ്ങളുടെ സങ്കടങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ സക്കീട്ടു ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ അതാതു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലുള്ള പൊതുജനങ്ങളുമായി കമ്മീഷണർ ഇടപെട്ടു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നെനിക്കു വളരെ സംശയമാണ്.

ഗസറിന്റെ പേജുകളിൽ മോട്ടാർ റഗ്ലേഷൻ അമൻറുമെൻറുകൾ ധാരാളം കാണുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഡ്രൈവർമാർ കള്ളു കുടിച്ചുകൂടാ, അങ്ങോട്ടു തിരിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ, ഇങ്ങോട്ടു തിരിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ, എന്നൊക്കെയാണു്

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അതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു്. അതു ജനങ്ങളുടെ രക്ഷയ്ക്കുത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്നുള്ളതു സമ്മതിക്കാം. എന്നാൽ പോലീസുകാർ കള്ളുകുടിച്ചുകൂടാ എന്ന ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തും പറയുന്നില്ല. കള്ളും കുടിച്ചിട്ടു പോലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷനിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരെ ഞാൻ തന്നെ കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : പോലീസുകാക്കു കള്ളു കൊടുത്തുകൂടാ എന്നു എക്സൈസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ വല്ലതും ഉണ്ടോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): എനിക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : പോലീസുകാരനാണെന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കള്ളു വില കൂടാതെ കൊടുക്കാനല്ലെ എളുപ്പം?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): വില കൂടാതെ കള്ളു കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു പുറമേ ചക്രം കൂടി കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരെക്കാൾ ഉയർന്ന നിലയിലുള്ളവർ ധാരാളം കള്ളുകുടിച്ചു നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമൊ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): എല്ലാ വകുപ്പിലും ഉണ്ടു്. കള്ളുകുടിച്ചു് ഭള്ളും പറഞ്ഞു നടക്കുന്നവരെ തടയാനുള്ളവർ തന്നെ കള്ളു കുടിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു നടക്കുന്നു. ഇതു പറയുവാൻപോലും യോഗ്യതയില്ല. ഇവരിൽ യോഗ്യന്മാരും ഉണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു സമ്മതിക്കാം. എന്നാൽ കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരിൽ ഭൂരിപക്ഷവും ഇത്തരത്തിൽ കള്ളുകുടിക്കുന്നവരാണെന്നു പറയാതെ തരമില്ല.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഭൂരിപക്ഷം കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരും ഒരേ വർഗ്ഗത്തിൽ പെട്ടവർ തന്നെയല്ലെ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഫ ൦ ൦ ന ൻ ൦ ം ഒരേ വർഗ്ഗത്തിൽ പെട്ടവർ തന്നെ.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): മേലും അങ്ങിനെതന്നെയിരിക്കയാണൊ നല്ലതു്?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): തീർച്ചയുമില്ല. സമുദായ പ്രാതിനിധ്യമനുസരിച്ചു ഇപ്പോൾ കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*) : വർഗ്ഗത്തിന്റെ ദൃഷ്യമാണൊ ഇതു്?

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKOARA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : അതേ. "Birds of a feather flock together" എന്നുണ്ടെല്ലൊ.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : കള്ളുകുടിക്കുന്ന ഏതുവഴ്ക്കാരുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിലാണ് കൂടുതലായിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKOARA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : നായന്മാരുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിലാണ്.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : കള്ളുഷാപ്പിനത്തിൽ മീനച്ചിൽനിന്നുമാണ് കൂടുതൽ റവന്യൂ കിട്ടുന്നതെന്നറിയിമൊ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKOARA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : കൂടുതൽ റവന്യൂ ഉള്ളതു് എന്റെ താലൂക്കിലാണ്.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : മീനച്ചിൽതാലൂക്കിൽഏതു വഴ്ക്കാരാണ് അധികമുള്ളതു്?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKOARA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഞാൻ അതു പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

MR. K. C. CHANDY (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : മീനച്ചിൽ താലൂക്കിൽ ആകെയുള്ള കള്ളുഷാപ്പുകളിലധികം കോവാണ് എന്നുമെമ്പക്കറിയാമൊ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKOARA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : കുന്നത്തുനാട്ടുതാലൂക്കിലാണ് അധികം കള്ളുഷാപ്പുകളുള്ളതു്. അവിടത്തെ സ്ഥിതി എനിക്കു നല്ലവണ്ണം അറിയാം.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertalai*) : കുന്നത്തുനാട്ടുതാലൂക്കിൽ നായന്മാരാണൊ അധികമുള്ളതു്?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : നായന്മാരാണു അധികം കള്ളുകുടിക്കുന്നതു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : മെമ്പർ കുടിയാന്മാരുമായിധാരാളം സഹവാസംചെയ്യാറുണ്ടൊ? (ചിരി)

MR. K. P. KOCHUKOARA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ധാരാളം സഹവാസം.....

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I think, Sir, the member is straying away from the point. We are now discussing the Police Demand. The member is discussing about drink evil.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Tarakan you need not answer those questions. They are not relevant to the discussion.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKOARA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ചോദിച്ചതിനു ഞാൻ മറുപടിപറഞ്ഞുപോയി എന്നെയുള്ളു.

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ഡ്രൈവർമാർ കള്ളുകുടിക്കരുതെന്നു കമ്മീഷണർ നിഷ്കർഷിക്കുന്നതു പോലെതന്നെ പോലീസ്കാരും കള്ളുകുടിക്കരുതെന്നു നിഷ്കർഷിക്കണം. ഡ്രൈവർമാർക്കു ലൈസൻസു കൊടുക്കുന്നവിഷയത്തിൽ കമ്മീഷണർ തന്നെ എന്തെങ്കിലും ശരിയായ ഒരു വ്യവസ്ഥ ഉണ്ടാക്കേണതായിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഹെഡ്കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാർ അധികവും കേസ്സുനടത്താനുമതലപ്പെട്ടവരായതുകൊണ്ടു പ്രീഡർഷിപ്പു പാസായവരെ കിട്ടുമെങ്കിൽ ഹെഡ്കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരായി നിയമിക്കുന്നതു നന്നായിരിക്കും. അതിനു കിട്ടാത്തപക്ഷം കൂടുതൽ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ളവരെ നോക്കിയെങ്കിലും നിയമിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരായിട്ടും നിവൃത്തിയുള്ളടത്തോളം യോഗ്യന്മാരെതന്നെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കണം.

ട്രാഫിക്ക് വകുപ്പിനെ പോലെ പണം സമ്പാദിക്കാൻ സൌകര്യമുള്ള മറെറാരു വകുപ്പുമില്ലെന്നു ഞാൻമുമ്പുതന്നെ പറഞ്ഞു. അതുകൊണ്ടു രംപ്രതിവാസ്ഥവമാണു്. അതിനാൽ കൈക്കൂലിക്കാരേയും അഴിമതിക്കാരേയും ഇതിലേക്കു നിയമിച്ചാൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു കൂടുതൽ ഉപദ്രവം ഉണ്ടാകും. അതിനാൽ ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ കമ്മീഷണർ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മി. ബിഷപ്പു കുറെക്കാരെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുന്നതിനും ശിക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനു താല്പര്യമുള്ള ഒരാളാണെങ്കിലും അദ്ദേഹം ശരിയായി സഞ്ചരിക്കുത്തതുകൊണ്ടു കുറെക്കാരെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുന്നതിനൊ ശിക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനൊ അതിനു സാധിക്കുന്നില്ല.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*): ഡ്രൈവർമാർക്ക് ഒരു പരീക്ഷ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതു നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നതൊന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): അവക്ക് എത്ര പരീക്ഷവച്ചാലും തരക്കേടില്ല.

MR. K. I KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*): അതു നന്നായിരിക്കുമൊ?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : നന്നായിരിക്കുമെപക്ഷെ.....

PRESIDENT : Your time is up.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): സർ, പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനേയും അതിലേ ഭരണനയത്തേയുംപറ്റി രണ്ടുവാക്കു പറയുന്നതിനുഞാൻ നിർബന്ധിതനായിതീർന്നിരിക്കുന്നു. പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു ജനങ്ങളെ സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനായി ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള

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ന്നാണെന്നുള്ളതിൽ പക്ഷാന്തരമില്ല. എന്നാൽ ജനങ്ങളെ രക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനു ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളവർതന്നെ ജനങ്ങളെ ഭക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിൽ ഉത്സാഹഭരിതരായി കാണുന്നു എന്നൊരു സ്വരം ഇവിടെ മുഴങ്ങിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇതിലേക്കു ഗവണ്മെന്റിനെയാണു് കുറപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതു്. ശരിയായി ഭക്ഷണം കഴിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ശമ്പളം പോലീസുകാക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്നപക്ഷം അവർക്കു സന്മനസ്സുണ്ടായി ജനങ്ങൾക്കുപകാരപ്രദമായരീതിയിൽ ജോലിചെയ്യുമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. എത്രതന്നെ ക്ലിപ്പിക്കൊടുത്താലും കൈനീട്ടിവാങ്ങിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സമ്പ്രദായം അവക്കുണ്ടു്. അതു പ്രത്യേകമായ ഒന്നല്ല. ഏതായാലും ഈ സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപ്പതന കാലത്തു അവക്കു് അല്പം ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നതു ഒരു വലിയ രക്ഷയായിരിക്കും. ദൃഷ്ടാന്തമായിപറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ പൊലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെ ഗ്രേഡിലും ശമ്പളത്തിലും കുറെ കുറവു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതു പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു വലിയ നഷ്ടമാണെന്നു പറയാതെതരമില്ല. അവക്കെത്രത്തോളം കുറവുചെയ്യുന്നുവോ അത്രയും സംഖ്യ അവർ ജനങ്ങളെ മർദ്ദിച്ചുണ്ടാക്കും. അവർ വലിയ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരാണു്; അധികാരമുണ്ടു്. ഈ സ്ഥിതിക്കു് അവർ ജനങ്ങളെ ഞെക്കിപിഴിയുന്നതിൽ അത്ഭുതപ്പെടുവാനില്ല. അതിനാൽ അവരുടെ ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടി അവരെ രാജ്യത്തിനും ജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഉപകാരമായി ജോലിചെയ്യത്തക്ക പ്രാപ്തിയുള്ളവരാക്കിത്തീർക്കണം.

പൊലീസ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരുടെ അവസ്ഥ വളരെ പരിതാപകരമാണു്. ട്രാഫിക്കു് ചെക്കിംഗ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർക്കും ഹെഡ്കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാർക്കും അലവൻസുകൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ എപ്പോഴും റോഡിൽതന്നെ നിൽക്കേണ്ട കാൺസ്റ്റബിളിനു് ഒരലവൻസും കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല. അതിനാൽ അവർക്കു കൂടി ഒരലവൻസു കൊടുക്കുന്നപക്ഷം അതൊരുപുണ്യമായിരിക്കും.

ട്രാഫിക്കിനെ പൊലീസ്ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽനിന്നും വേർതിരിച്ചതു പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ രക്ഷയ്ക്കുത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമായ ഒന്നാണു്. ഗവണ്മെന്റു് ബുദ്ധിപൂർവ്വം ഇതിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചതിൽ ഞാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റിനെ അഭിനന്ദിക്കതന്നെ ചെയ്യുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ആ വകുപ്പിൽ നടത്തിയിരിക്കുന്ന നിയമനം ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെയാണെങ്കിൽ അതാക്ഷേപകരമാണെന്നു പറയാതെ തരമില്ല. ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റു വേണ്ടുംവണ്ണം ശ്രദ്ധപതിപ്പിക്കുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു.

വ്യക്തിപരമായിട്ടൊ സാമുദായികപരമായിട്ടൊ ഇവിടെ പറയരുതെന്നു എനിക്കാഗ്രഹമുണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഒരു കാര്യത്തിൽ എനിക്കു പ്രത്യേ

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[Mr. N. John Joseph.]

ലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരെ അഭിനന്ദിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്. മറ്റുസമുദായത്തിലുള്ളവർ പരീക്ഷാവിജയികളായിരുന്നാൽ മാത്രമെ പോലീസിൽ ചേർക്കുകയൊള്ളൂ എന്ന വ്യവസ്ഥയുള്ളപ്പോഴും അധഃകൃതരിലുള്ളവർ നാലാംക്ലാസ്വരെ പഠിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളുവെങ്കിലും അവരേയുംകൂടെ എടുക്കാമെന്ന വ്യവസ്ഥപ്പെടുത്തിയതു വാസ്തവത്തിൽ പ്രാതിനിധ്യം കുറഞ്ഞ ഈ സമുദായക്കാർക്കു ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ കൂടുതൽ പ്രവേശനത്തിനുള്ള ഒരു വലിയ കവാടം തുറക്കുകയാണു ചെയ്തതു്. ഈ വിഷയത്തിലാണു് എനിക്കു കമ്മീഷണരെ അഭിനന്ദിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുള്ളതു്. എന്നാൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഈ സർക്കുലർ ഒരു ചത്ത സർക്കുലർപോലെ ആയിട്ടുണ്ടു് എന്നുള്ള സംഗതിയും ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഒരധഃകൃതപ്രതിനിധി എന്ന നിലയിൽ എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുണ്ടു്. ഈ സർക്കുലർകൊണ്ടു അധഃകൃതർക്കു യാതൊരു പ്രയോജനവും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ലെന്നു ധൈര്യസമേതം എനിക്കു പറയുവാൻ കഴിയും. മേലധികാരിയുടെ ഉത്തരവിനെ പാലിക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുകയാണുവേണ്ടതു്. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ലെന്നു ഫാ ഠ ം-ലെ ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനങ്ങളുടെ കാസ്റ്റ്വാർ സ്റ്റേറ്റ്മെൻറ് കൊണ്ടു പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടും. ആ സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറിൽ അധഃകൃതരുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിൽ നിന്നു രണ്ടുപേർമാത്രമെ ഒള്ളൂ. ഇതു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനൊ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേലധ്യക്ഷനൊ ഒട്ടും അഭിമാനകരമല്ല. അതിനാൽ അടുത്തവർഷത്തിലെ നിയമനത്തിലെങ്കിലും കഴിവുള്ളിടത്തോളം കൂടുതൽ അധഃകൃതരെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കണമെന്നു ഞാൻ കമ്മീഷണരോടു അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

പൊലീസ്ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു ജനങ്ങളുടെ രക്ഷയെ മുൻനിറുത്തി സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒന്നാണല്ലൊ. കീഴ്സിൽബന്ധികൾ ഏതു രീതിയിൽ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു എന്നു കമ്മീഷണർ ഓരൊ സ്റ്റേഷനും പരിശോധിച്ചു അവിടെയുള്ള സ്ഥിതിഗതികൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കി അതനുസരിച്ചു പോലീസുകാരെ നിയന്ത്രിക്കണം.

ഇവിടെ പൊലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനെപ്പറ്റി പലരും പലഅഭിപ്രായങ്ങളും പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കയുണ്ടായി. അവയോടെല്ലാം യോജിക്കുന്നതിനു എനിക്കു നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ എതിർത്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil cum Devicolam*) : Sir, I also wish to make some observations on the motion before the House. My friend Mr. Damodaran Asan has been finding fault with the Commissioner of

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Police for coming before the House with a Demand for additional Constables. But I have to find fault with the Commissioner not on that score. I have to find fault with him on the score of the unwise step he has taken in abolishing certain Outposts and certain Police Stations. At page 11 of the Administration Report of the Police Department for 1106 he has stated :—

> "World-wide depression and financial stringency contributed to a considerable unemployment in the State. There is a general temptation among the unemployed to commit theft in order to live and the increase in crime was mainly under this head. Theft of food-stuffs and other necessaries of life were not common in the past and increase in this type of crime is due to real poverty and difficulty in obtaining food."

This hard fact is evidenced by the statement of cases of grave crimes dealt with by the Police as given in the statistics. Under the heads dacoity, robbery, house breaking and theft, the value of property lost amounts to over Rs. 52,000 ; and the police have been able to recover only about Rs. 18,200. The people are not likely to be relieved of the poverty into which they are plunged, in the near future and so, my submission is that there is probability of the crimes being on the increase still further. What is the duty of the State at this time? Other Governments have been giving better encouragement to the Police, and they insist on better vigilance on the part of the Police. It is said that the stability of a State depends on its currency and its Police. If it be true, I am of the view that the Police in Travancore ought to be encouraged. But instead of that, we find that the Government have been effecting drastic retrenchments in the Police Department. They have cut down the permanent travelling allowance of Police officers ; they have restricted the supply of uniforms, and some five or six Police Stations and Outposts have been abolished. Add to this, they have revised the scale of pay of Police Inspectors, and by doing that they have brought about discontent in the ranks consequent on the stagnation brought about by this revised scale. I have no idea of extolling the Police. I am also aware of the many public complaints, very serious ones, made against the Police. But, my submission is that the remedy does not lie in effecting retrenchments or in refusing the additional number of Constables asked for. In America, very recently, a commission on lawlessness, in law enforcement, have submitted a Report ; and I wish the Commissioner of Police would peruse that Report. There are many useful suggestions for him there in. With these observations, I oppose the motion.

(Mr. K. P. Abraham rose up to speak.)

PRESIDENT : Only five minutes more for the discussion of this demand. Let Mr. Bishop reply.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : Mr. Asan and some other members say that the Police strength should not be increased any further. At the same time, they admit that motor traffic has increased enormously. The year before I came to this State, there were in this State, only 5,500 motor drive licenses and this number increased to nearly 8,000 in the year 1106. There were no conductors in 1103 but

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there were about 2,362 in 1106. I have not time enough to give all the figures relating to the buses and motor cars. The figures have increased *enormously*. I have interesting figures to show how the traffic has increased in this State more than in any other part of India. Unfortunately, the time at my disposal is limited. Mr. Asan said something about the constabulary and rewards. The average reward per constable per annum here is 12 annas. In Ceylon it is 40 rupees. There half the fines collected in courts is set aside for rewards and comforts of the police.

The amount thus set apart comes to Rs. 50,000 per annum. The cost per head of population here on account of the Police is only 4 chuckrams, whereas in Mysore it is a little over 18 chuckrams. In Madras it is 11 chuckrams, and in Ceylon it works out at 24 chuckrams.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know, what the figures per square mile are?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : In Travancore, we have 3½ Constables per square mile. They have 4½ in Mysore, and five in Madras.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Does it include the reserve forests and backwaters?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I cannot say. It will be seen that the cost on account of the Police in this State is far less than in Mysore or Ceylon or anywhere else.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether there is any civil disobedience movement in Travancore?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : It is now non-existent

Then, Sir, Mr. S. Krishna Pillai talked about my hasty inspections. He said that he had put in an interpellation and that, as soon as I came to know of it, I went rushing round the country. I am reminded, Sir, of the story of a cock, which after crowing early one morning saw the Sun's rays emerging. He at once ran to the hens and said 'Because I crow, the Sun is rising. Therefore you must all lay eggs n honour of my achievement." So Mr. S. Krishna Pillai tells us that because he sent in an interpellation about my inspection work, I at once started dashing round the country and he calls on the members to give their votes. What he has been saying is incorrect. I *did* inspect each and every station during my tour. I do not usually tour much in the hot months because that is the crime period and inspectors are busy with investigations. My touring and inspections have been fairly distributed and my programme was arranged before his interphilation was received by me. Then he also went on to say that the Reserve Police were sent out for no reason whatsoever, for the reason they returned the very same day on which they went out or that nothing happened. There again he was not correct the fact of their going often resulted in nothing happening. He then said that there were about 50 petitions, dealing with corruption in my Department, pending, and that I have not enquired into any one of them. I have D. S. P.s and A. S. P.s and Inspectors under me. If ever there any necessity

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arises for me personally to enquire, of course, I do it. The question is, why should I take away the power from the D. S. P.s or A. S. P.s or Inspectors, and thus weaken their authority over the subordinates in the Department?

Mr. Nadar spoke about factions in some villages in or near his constituency. If only he would now go and enquire he would know that the factions have ceased. He also said that D. S. P.s and A.S.P.s are corrupt. He also wrote to me to that effect. I wanted him to be specific. He did not reply. I sent him one or two reminders. He finally said he was not able to adduce any evidence at all. If he can, I shall certainly take action. I can see him any say next week if he chooses to come. The difficulty is to get evidence of corruption. People come forward and simply say that there is corruption. It may be the truth. I hear loud complaints about corruption; but absolutely no proof is forthcoming; and in the end, all the petitions and agitation result in a request for a mere transfer of the particular officer from the locality. But that is not what I want. If anybody *is* corrupt, I want to get him out at once. But, I must have proof; and that people are not able or willing to give me.

With regard to the points raised by Messrs. Gopalakrishna Pillai and Kunjukrishna Pillai, I have myself got a letter from Mr. A. K. Pillai. I have sent it for enquiry. But I think Mr. Gopalakrishna Pillai is inaccurate in thinking that the police slapped Mr. Singh.

PRESIDENT: '*Snapped*', that is what he said.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I thought he said *slapped*' (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: The time for this demand has lapsed, and this motion and the remaining motions lapse

The above and the following motions lapsed.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH:

447. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM:

448. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN:

449. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI

450. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR:

451. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Rs. 5.

MR. K. C. CHANDI:

452. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Rs. 5.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI:

453. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 37,675 for Commissioner by Rs. 10.

18 B—POLICE—DISTRICT POLICE—*Salaries.*

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN:

454. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,200 for Traffic Inspectors by Rs. 5.

DISTRICT POLICE—*Establishment.*

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN:

455. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,686 for permanent establishment of District Superintendents' Offices by Re. 1.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

456. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,686 for permanent establishment of Distri Superintendents' Offices by Re. 1.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

457. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,686 for permanent establishment of Distri Superintendents' Offices by Rs. 10.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI :

458. To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,206 for staff of the Assistant Superintendent Offices.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN :

459. To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,206 for staff of the Assistant Superintendent Offices.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

460. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,10,141 for establishment by Rs. 22,444.

Motions for reduction of total grant.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

461. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,91,345 for District Police by Rs. 36,311.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU :

462. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,91,345 for District Police by Re. 1.

MR. K. C. CHANDI :

463. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,91,345 for District Police by Re. 1.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

464. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,91,345 for District Police by Re. 1.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI

465. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,91,345 for District Police by Re. 1.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH :

466. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,91,345 for District Police by Rs. 5.

Motions for reduction of total grant under Demand X.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI :

467. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,29,020 under Demand X by Re. 1.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

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MR. K. C. CHANDI :

471. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,29,020 under Demand X by Rs. 5.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI :

472. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,29,020 under Demand X by Rs. 10.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

473. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,29,020 under Demand X by Rs. 10.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

474. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,29,020 under Demand X by Rs. 10.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :

475. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,29,020 under Demand X by Rs. 50.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI :

476. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,29,020 under Demand X by Rs. 100.

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PRESIDENT : Mr. Bishop has moved for a grant of Rs. 6,29,020 under Demand X—Police. I put the Demand to the House.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND NO. XI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,21,972 under Demand XI—General Administration—Heads other than Account Office.

Motion No. 477.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഹജൂർ ആഫീസിൽ ഹയർ ഗ്രേഡ് ക്ളാർക്ക്സിന്റെ ശമ്പളം വെകയ്ക്കുള്ള ഉ ത്തരവ് ശ്രീ പായിൽനിന്നും ർ ശ്രീപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

സർ, ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം കൌൺസിൽ ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു നൽകുന്ന മറുപടിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പറയണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. ഇവിടെ അയക്കുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങളെല്ലാം ഹയർഗ്രേഡ് ക്ളാർക്കന്മാർ ടാബുലേറ് ചെയ്യുന്നു എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നത്. ചോദ്യം എത്രനേരത്തെതന്നെ അയച്ചാലും അതു അതാതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേലധ്യക്ഷനയച്ചു സമാധാനം വരുത്തി അതു സെഷനിൽതന്നെ തരിക എന്നുള്ള പതിവില്ല. ഇതിനംപുറമെ ഒന്നിച്ചയക്കുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങളെ പിരിച്ചു ഒന്നിനു മറുപടിതരികയും മറൊന്നിനു തരാതിരിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഈ കക്കടകം വ ി-ാംനു- മിസ്റ്റർ കുഞ്ഞിത്തൊമ്മന്റെ നക്ഷത്രം-ാം നമ്പർ ചോദ്യത്തിനു ഇങ്ങനെയാണ് മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നത്.

"Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the clerks in the Offices of the Land Revenue Commissioner, Dewan Peishkars, and Division Assistants". എന്നുള്ള ചോദ്യത്തിനു മി വിശ്വനാഥഅയ്യർ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന മറുപടി "the statement containing the required particulars is laid on the table" എന്നാണ് പ്രസ്തുതബില്ലിൽ പറയുന്നത്. Office of the Land Revenue Commissioner, Brahmin (Others) 2. Ezhavas 2, Nayars 10, Vellalas 1, other Hindus 3, Mussalman 1- Protestant 1 1/2. (ചിരി) I do not know how he divided it Roman Catholics Latin Rite 1, Jocobite syrian 1/2,ഇതാണ്. ഈ പട്ടികയുടെ ഫുട്ട്നോട്ടിൽ "It may be explained that one of these clerks has one parent a protestant and one parent a jacobite and from a point of equality the L. R. C. has allocated a Share of this clerk to the Jacobite Community" (ചിരി.)

ഏതുതത്വത്തെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തിയാണ് ഇങ്ങിനെ വിഭജിച്ചതെന്നു എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. ഇതിനുമുമ്പു ഇവിടെ പല സ്റ്റേ

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